

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

Item 1, Report No. 47, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on November 14, 2023, and the recommendation made public upon ratification:

#### **1. WARD 1 CIVIC HERO AWARD 2023**

**The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Councillor Iafrate, dated November 7, 2023:**

Submitted by Councillor Marilyn Iafrate

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan has established the Civic Hero Award as a means of honouring citizens who have taken exemplary action in carrying out their responsibility as a citizen under the City of Vaughan Declaration of Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities; and

**Whereas**, the Civic Hero Award has been established such that each Ward Councillor has the authority to nominate one resident in their respective ward per year, and

**Whereas**, Sarah Pellegrini has been involved with the Vaughan Soccer Club for over 25 years; as a player, a coach, part-time employee and most importantly as the Director of the All-Abilities Program, and

**Whereas**, Sarah Pellegrini has played an integral role in implementing and delivering this program each year which is available free of charge to any child with special needs between the ages of 5 and 18 years, and

**Whereas**, Sarah Pellegrini gives back to the special needs community through mentoring the program volunteers, advocating for this program to increase donations and sponsorships and through her genuine adoration for the participants and their families, and

**Whereas**, through the guidance of City of Vaughan staff, Sarah was successful in obtaining a \$20,000 grant from Canadian Parks and Recreation Association (CPRA): Reaching Each and Everyone: A Community Sport Intervention to aid in the costs of running this program. This grant has been used to enhance the program with resourcing, equipment and year end festivities.

**It is therefore recommended that** Sarah Pellegrini be named the Ward 1 Civic Hero for 2023 and that the award be presented at a future Committee of the Whole, Committee of the Whole (Public Meeting) or Council meeting, at a date suitable to both staff and the recipient of the award.