

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole Report (2)

DATE: Tuesday, June 18, 2024

TITLE: SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITY GROUPS THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF GENEROSITY INITIATIVE

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, founded in 2011, the Spirit of Generosity initiative has raised critical funds to enhance the lives of many in Vaughan and beyond; and

Whereas, the Mayor's Gala and Mayor's Annual Charity Golf Classic are the signature Spirit of Generosity fundraisers that raise contributions from committed donors to help support more than 200 non-profit and community organizations, including children and youth groups, healthcare initiatives, seniors' organizations, and special needs programs; and

Whereas, ongoing public reporting takes place to Vaughan City Council with details of the distribution of Spirit of Generosity funds to recipients and the funding amount allocated to recipients; and

Whereas, the recipient organizations have been identified based on recommendations from Members of Council, community leaders and organization/community requests; and

Whereas, many of these same recipients Spirit of Generosity financial support, such as the volunteers and staff of local community organizations, greatly rely on having predictable funding support to plan and assist in the vital work the groups undertake to safeguard and elevate the quality of life for residents; and

Whereas, there have been requests by recipient community organizations to ensure the Spirit of Generosity financial support they greatly rely on to continue their important community service can be received each year of a Council term; and

Whereas, the Ontario government in the past changed the municipal election calendar such that the opening of candidate nominations begins on May 1 (rather than the first business day in January as had been the case prior to these changes).

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT Council receive the attached list of recipient organizations that have received, for the period from November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024, net proceeds from the City of Vaughan Mayor's Gala and the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic; and
2. THAT Spirit of Generosity Funds can now be distributed until April 30 of a regular municipal election year beginning with the 2026 municipal election, or until the day that Council declares the Office of Mayor vacant and until such time as a new mayor takes the declaration of office.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact:

This Member's Resolution has no financial impacts.

Attachments:

1. [Municipal Elections Act, 1996, S.O. 1996, c. 32, Sched.](#)
2. [City of Vaughan's corporate policy \(03.C.03\) Use of Corporate Resources for Election Purposes](#)
3. [EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 31, 2012 \(Page 107\)](#)
4. City of Vaughan Mayor's Gala and Mayor Steven Del Duca Charity Golf Classic Recipient Organizations from November 1, 2023 to April 30, 2024.