

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, November 05, 2024

TITLE: HONOURING VAUGHAN'S FIREFIGHTER HEROES

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) and the members of the Vaughan Professional Fire Fighters Association (VPFFA) have a long-standing history of dedicated service to the residents of Vaughan, consistently providing exemplary protection, prevention, and emergency response services to safeguard the lives, properties, and well-being of all residents; and

Whereas, the brave women and men of VFRS and VPFFA have demonstrated remarkable professionalism, selflessness, and courage, putting their lives on the line daily in service to their community; and

Whereas, our firefighters have not only responded to emergencies within our city but have also provided mutual aid to neighboring municipalities, showcasing their commitment to public safety; and

Whereas, the role of Vaughan's firefighters extends beyond the extinguishing of fires, encompassing medical response, rescue operations, fire prevention education, and community outreach, contributing immeasurably to the overall safety and resilience of Vaughan; and

Whereas, there is an existing firefighter memorial on Woodbridge Avenue, however the site is not a modern and more visible site commensurate with the respect Vaughan's firefighter heroes deserve; and

Whereas, the sacrifices of Vaughan’s firefighters, including long hours, hazardous conditions, and time spent away from family, are deeply appreciated by the City of Vaughan and its residents, who recognize the essential services they provide; and

Whereas, it is fitting that Vaughan’s firefighters be permanently honoured and remembered for their unwavering dedication, including those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, through a modern and appropriate memorial site;

It is therefore recommended:

1. That within thirty (30) days, Council establishes the Vaughan Firefighters Memorial Committee, tasked with identifying and recommending to Council an appropriate location for a new permanent memorial to honour the legacy and sacrifices of Vaughan’s firefighters; and
2. That the membership of the Vaughan Firefighters Memorial Committee shall include three representatives from Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services, three representatives from the Vaughan Professional Firefighters Association, and any other representatives deemed appropriate by the City Manager, ensuring a balanced and inclusive approach to this significant civic initiative.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact

There are no financial impacts associated with this Member’s Resolution.

Attachments

N/A