# Committee of the Whole (2) Report

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 **WARD(S):** ALL

## TITLE: 2020 ORDER OF VAUGHAN RECIPIENTS

**FROM:**
Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

**ACTION:** DECISION

## Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee's list of recipients for the 2020 Order of Vaughan.

## Report Highlights

- The Order of Vaughan was initiated in 2016 as part of Vaughan's 25th Anniversary Celebration, recognizing 25 years as a city.
- A total of 10 nominations were received for 2020.
- Recipients will be recognized at a virtual ceremony to be conducted in December, 2020.

## Recommendations

1. That Council endorse the individuals recommended by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee and set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to this report, as the 2020 recipients of the Order of Vaughan; and
2. That the names of the individual recipients be made public following notification by the Mayor.

## Background

The Order of Vaughan award program was established by Council's adoption of Item No. 16 of Report No. 40 of the Committee of the Whole on November 17, 2015, and of Item No. 9 of Report No. 12 of Committee of the Whole on March 22, 2016.

The Order of Vaughan is presented as Vaughan's highest civic honour. The Order of Vaughan is granted to a maximum of ten individuals annually, except in the first year (2016) when 25 individuals were recognized for their contributions to the city over its first 25 years.

Recipients will become Members of the Order of Vaughan and will be permitted to indicate such membership by wearing a pin presented at a public ceremony. The initiative is modelled after the Order of Canada and Order of Ontario, and similar awards programs have been established by cities such as Ottawa and Montreal.

## Previous Reports/Authority

http://www.vaughan.ca/cityhall/OrderOfVaughan/Pages/default.aspx

## Analysis and Options

To qualify for the Order of Vaughan, an individual must have a significant and enduring relationship with the city and recognized as being engaged in a beneficial activity in Vaughan in one or more of the following categories:

Arts and Entertainment
Business
Science and Technology
Environment
Media and Communications
Philanthropy
Not-For-Profit
Spiritual
Athletics
Public Service
Equity and Diversity
Health and Wellness
Education
Accessibility

In all, nomination packages for 10 individuals were reviewed by the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee. The Selection Committee for the Order of Vaughan consists of Jim Harnum, City Manager; Sunny Bains, Acting Deputy City Manager of Community Services; Margie Singleton, CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries; Chris Rainville, Manager, Records and Information Governance and City Archivist; Brian Shifman, President and CEO of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce; Alessia Dickson, Past Recipient; and

Todd Coles, City Clerk as chair.

## Financial Impact

Funding for the 2020 Order of Vaughan ceremony is captured in the budget for the Office of the City Clerk.

## Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no regional impacts associated with this report.

## Conclusion

Having reviewed all nominations received, the Order of Vaughan Selection Committee recommends the individuals set out in Confidential Attachment 1 to be the 2020 recipients of the Order of Vaughan.

**For more information,** please contact: Evan Read, Manager, Elections and Special Projects, extension 8241.

## Attachments

1. Confidential Attachment 1: 2020 Order of Vaughan Recipients, Office of the City Clerk, November 10, 2020 (To be circulated at Committee)

## Prepared by

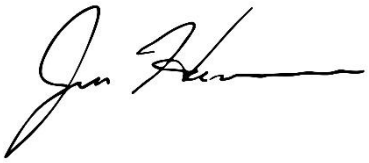
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