

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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| Meeting/Date | Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (2) |
| Title: | Respect and Relief for WWII Veteran John Henry Royce, Kleinburg Resident |
| Submitted by: | Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua |
| <p>Whereas, the City of Vaughan takes great pride in honouring, recognizing and respecting the many brave men and women who served and continue to serve this country; and,</p> <p>Whereas, the entire community is invited and encouraged to learn more about the City's 2020 Remembrance Day virtual event and exhibit at vaughan.ca/RemembranceDay and to view in the digital Remembrance Day exhibit <i>"The War Effort Seen Through Their Eyes: Recollections and Mementos of the World Wars"</i>; and,</p> <p>Whereas, citizens can also pay tribute to veterans and soldiers by sharing personal thoughts of gratitude and remembrance on the City's virtual Poppy Wall. Digital messages will be collected until Wednesday, Nov. 11 and then featured in an online display; and,</p> <p>Whereas, all Members of Council wish to recognize the heroism of Kleinburg resident John Henry Royce, a 97-year-old veteran of the Second World War. The family of Mr. Royce recently sent correspondence (dated Nov. 4, 2020) to the Mayor's Office regarding a water bill received from Alectra amounting to approximately \$6,433.49 and requested steps be taken to provide relief; and,</p> <p>Whereas, it is incumbent upon all levels of government to ensure respect and relief are shown to Canada's veterans and all people more broadly. The City offers pocketbook relief in the form of the <i>Elderly Home Assistance Program</i> and the <i>Seniors, Low-Income Seniors & Low-Income Disabled Persons' Property Tax Deferral Program</i>, among other initiatives; and,</p> <p>Whereas, the City remains committed to finding other ways to provide relief to all residents, including a current study underway for a comprehensive review of the existing rate structure for the delivery of water and wastewater services to residents and businesses, such as the costs to provide the service, future asset management reserve requirements and structure of the rate to ensure transparency, fairness and sustainability; and,</p> <p>Whereas, a component of the study is to consider the feasibility, cost and logistics of a high-water consumption forgiveness program; and,</p> <p>Whereas, staff will be reporting to Council in Q2 of 2021 with an update on the study, including an approach to address instances of accidental high-water consumption, including but not limited to, plumbing leaks.</p> <p><i>It is therefore recommended that:</i></p> <p><i>1. That City staff take the appropriate steps to ensure the \$6,433.49 (approximate) water bill from Alectra for Mr. John Henry Royce, resident of Pennon Road in Kleinburg, be entirely waived.</i></p> | |

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua