

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) - FEBRUARY 9, 2021
Title:	Traffic Box Wrapping
Submitted by:	Ward 5 Councillor Alan Shefman

Whereas, artistic wraps on traffic signal cabinets enhance the public realm; and

Whereas, the Thornhill Village area is a designated heritage area; and

Whereas, in the past, the area was the home of JEH MacDonald, a member of the Group of Seven; and

Whereas, other members of the Group of Seven either lived or painted in the area as well; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is committed to supporting the placement of public art in the City; and

Whereas, York Region Council permits interested local municipalities to wrap and/or paint Regional traffic signal cabinets at their own cost and subject to execution of a Memorandum of Understanding; and

Whereas, other municipalities such as the City of Markham and the City of Toronto have been successful in their artistic wrapping projects.

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. That staff review the attached information provided by Ms. Valerie Burke, on behalf of the Society for the Preservation of Historic Thornhill (SPOHT), and prepare a plan for a pilot program for wrapping appropriate utility boxes (up to five) in and around the Thornhill Village; and**
- 2. That at least one of the boxes include a rendering of the JEH MacDonald painting, the Tangled Garden, which was painted at his home on Centre Street, or another painting by MacDonald or other members of the Group of Seven; and**
- 3. That the plan, with costs included, be presented to Council for consideration no later than June 2021.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Shefman,
Ward 5 Councillor

Attachments:

1. Extract of York Region Council meeting, October 19, 2017.
2. Email from Ms. Valerie Burke dated October 2020.
3. Email from Ms. Valerie Burke dated January 8, 2021.
4. Email from Ms. Valerie Burke dated January 27, 2021.