

CITY OF VAUGHAN
EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 18, 2021

Item 4, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session), which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 18, 2021, and the confidential recommendations and Member's Resolution made public.

4. CIVIC HERO AWARD 2021 – WARD 3

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the resolution of Councillor DeFrancesca, dated May 12, 2021:

Member's Resolution of Councillor DeFrancesca

Whereas, City of Vaughan Council established the Civic Hero Award as a way to honour residents who have taken extraordinary action to create a better community and who act as inspirations for civic engagement; and

Whereas, the Civic Hero Award has been established such that each Ward Councillor has the authority to nominate one resident in their respective ward per year; and

Whereas, Nadia Magarelli has been a community leader and advocate for Vaughan residents since 1990. Over the last three decades, Nadia has volunteered countless hours to lead the Weston Downs Ratepayers Association (WDRA) in its work to provide input to the City of Vaughan on development and community issues. Nadia is motivated by a sense of service and her conviction that by getting involved, every resident can make a difference in the betterment of their community. In her role as president, Nadia helped shape the WDRA into a well-organized and outspoken representative of the community.

Whereas, Nadia was one of the founding members of the Co-operative of Vaughan Ratepayers Association (COVRA), which united various ratepayer associations across Vaughan to work on city-wide issues. Throughout the school years of her three children, Nadia was a member of the parent councils at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy and Father Bressani Catholic High School. On the parent council, Nadia often used her expertise as a Chartered Accountant to fulfil the position of treasurer and to provide constructive input on school initiatives. Nadia was also one of the original council members of the Character Community York Region, whose mission is to instill character in children and youth through partnerships and programs that have a lasting impact, while encouraging good character in all citizens.

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Nadia is a passionate activist who never gives up and remains devoted to volunteering her expertise and service for the benefit of her community and the City of Vaughan. She encourages all residents to get involved in their community, work together to make a difference, and ensure that the City of Vaughan continues to be a great place to live, work, and prosper.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Nadia Magarelli, be named the 2021 Civic Hero for Ward 3, and;
2. That the award be presented at a future Committee of the Whole, Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing), or Council meeting, at a date to be arranged by appropriate staff in consultation with the honouree.