

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 01, 2021

**TITLE: HOSPICE VAUGHAN – MARIO AND NICK CORTELLUCCI
HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE**

FROM:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

Whereas, the opening of the new Hospice Vaughan – Mario and Nick Cortellucci Hospice Palliative Care Centre of Excellence marks a significant milestone for the citizens of Vaughan, front-line health professionals and the expansion of hospice palliative care delivery and service in our growing city; and

Whereas, the Mario and Nick Cortellucci Hospice Palliative Care Centre of Excellence is the first hospice palliative care facility in the city of Vaughan; and

Whereas, in 2015, I joined Hospice Vaughan's Steering Committee as Honorary Chair to work alongside a group of dedicated committee members, volunteers, staff and community leaders to actualize our shared vision to bring palliative and end-of-life care to Vaughan; and

Whereas, in my role as Chair of the Hospice Vaughan Capital Campaign, I want to express my sincerest gratitude and appreciation for the spirit of generosity manifested by the volunteers, donors and community partners in our city. Their dedication and support have helped bring this community-building project to fruition and will improve the quality of life of Vaughan residents; and

Whereas, the new, up to 27,000-square-foot facility includes a 10-bed hospice residence, family support and bereavement services, and community hospice services at home. It will serve as a community hub that supports interdisciplinary work, research, education and knowledge transfer of palliative care best practices; and

Whereas, since 1995, Hospice Vaughan has provided compassionate support to individuals facing a life-limiting illness or the loss of a loved one. The organization provides in-home visiting, day programs, mental health services and grief and bereavement support. Their services extend to caregivers, family members and friends who need support throughout the grieving process – at no charge to the community; and

Whereas, investing in healthcare is fundamental to city-building and is in perfect alignment with our priority to provide accessible, world-class care for all. This milestone is a testament to the dedication, compassion and spirit of generosity our community shows each day to support and care for their neighbours.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan partners with Hospice Vaughan to raise awareness and support the official opening of the Mario and Nick Cortellucci Hospice Palliative Care Centre of Excellence; and
2. **THAT** the City of Vaughan promotes initiatives, events and services led by Hospice Vaughan, leveraging the City's corporate communications channels and through the Access Vaughan Contact Centre; and
3. **THAT** this resolution is shared with York Region Council.