

**THE TOWN OF AURORA CHARACTER COMMUNITY RESOLUTION  
COUNCIL EXTRACT OF FEBRUARY 12, 2002**

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***Moved by Councillor Pedersen  
Seconded by Councillor Timpson***

WHEREAS, the people of the Town of Aurora wish to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character.

WHEREAS, we desire to build a Town where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbours care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families; and

WHEREAS, our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged; and

WHEREAS, encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits; and

WHEREAS, the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for positive role models among our young people to help foster a community culture where good character is praised and encouraged; and

WHEREAS, people who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety and welfare of their fellow citizens, resulting in a lower financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of services that protect and enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, citizens of the Town of Aurora can alleviate many current societal problems by embracing positive and constructive character qualities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of the Town of Aurora pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a *Character Community* in order to formally participate in local and region-wide initiatives to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.

**CARRIED**

**COUNCIL**



**MOVED BY Cathy Morton**

**DATE: 18 February 2002**

**SECONDED BY Jack Hauseman**

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York has launched itself as a Character Community on 12 February 2002 and has asked each municipality in the Region to declare itself a Character Community;

AND WHEREAS the people of East Gwillimbury wish to strengthen its citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character;

AND WHEREAS our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged;

AND WHEREAS encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety and corporate profits;

AND WHEREAS the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same;

AND WHEREAS there is a need for positive role models among our young people to help foster a good community culture;

AND WHEREAS PEOPLE who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety and welfare of their fellow citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of East Gwillimbury pledge our commitment to character and designate itself as a Character Community within York Region in order to formally launch a region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups.

Carried   
Defeated   
Tied (Lost)

**James Young**

Mayor



TOWN OF  
GEORGINA

Moved by Regional Councillor Wheeler

Seconded by Councillor Moore

Extract from Council Meeting February 11, 2002

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RESOLUTION NO. C-2002-0075

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**WHEREAS** the people of York Region wish to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character;

**AND WHEREAS** we desire to build a region where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbours care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families;

**AND WHEREAS** our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged;

**AND WHEREAS** encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety and corporate profits;

**AND WHEREAS** the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a need for positive role models among our young people to help foster a community culture where good character is praised and encouraged;

**AND WHEREAS** people who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety and welfare of their fellow citizens, resulting in a lower financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of services that protect and enhance their quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** many current societal problems can be alleviated by citizens of this region by embracing positive and constructive character qualities;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the people of York Region pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a character community in order to formally launch a region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.

Carried...

# TOWNSHIP OF KING

R19-2002  
March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2002

Moved By Leah Werry Seconded By Steve Pellegrini

**WHEREAS** the people of the Township of King wish to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character;

**AND WHEREAS** we desire to build a municipality where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbours care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families;

**AND WHEREAS** our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged;

**AND WHEREAS** encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits;

**AND WHEREAS** the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a need for positive role models among our young people to help foster a community culture where good character is praised and encouraged;

**AND WHEREAS** people who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety, and welfare of their fellow citizens, resulting in a lower financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of services that protect and enhance their quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS** many current societal problems can be alleviated by citizens of this Township by embracing positive and constructive character qualities.

## **THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

**THAT** the people to the Township of King pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a *Character Community* in order to support and join with the Regional Municipality of York in formally launching a Region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.

CARRIED

Margaret Black  
Mayor



RESOLUTION OF COUNCIL MEETING NO. 4 DATED FEBRUARY 12, 2002

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**REPORT NO. 8 - FINANCE & ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE**

(6) CHARACTER COMMUNITY (12.0)

That the Town of Markham Council approve a resolution declaring Markham a "Character Community";

And that a Town of Markham Character Council be established to work in consultation with the York Region Character Council and the Steering Committee.

February 11, 2002

Moved by: Councillor Van Bynen

Seconded by: Councillor Kerwin

**RESOLUTION R1-2002**

**WHEREAS** the people of The Town of Newmarket wishes to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character;

**AND WHEREAS** we desire to build a Town where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbours care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families;

**AND WHEREAS** our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged;

**AND WHEREAS** encouraging employees by recognizing positive character qualities has resulted in an increase in workplace morale, employee safety, and corporate profits;

**AND WHEREAS** the emphasis of positive character qualities in every sector of society can only occur as individuals commit themselves to exemplifying character in their personal lives and inspiring others to do the same;

**AND WHEREAS** there is a need for positive role models among our young people to help foster a community culture where good character is praised and encouraged;

**AND WHEREAS** people who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety and welfare of their fellow citizens, resulting in a lower financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of services that protect and enhance their quality of life;

**AND WHEREAS, many current societal problems can be alleviated by citizens of this Region by embracing positive and constructive character qualities.**

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of the Town of Newmarket in the Region of York pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a Character Community in order to formally launch a Region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.**

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**Mayor Taylor**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING  
C#19-02 HELD MAY 27, 2002  
CONFIRMATORY BY-LAW NO. 100-02**

- 1.0 Minutes - Committee of the Whole meeting CW#10-02 of May 21, 2002
  - 1.4 Character Communities - (SRPRC.02.38) - (Item No. 12)
- Rec. 4
  - a) That the Town of Richmond Hill be declared a Character Community as detailed in SRPRC.02.38;
  - b) That staff provide Committee project updates as is deemed necessary and appropriate throughout the Character Community Initiative.

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2002**

Item 63, Report No. 50, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 24, 2002.

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**CHARACTER COMMUNITY RESOLUTION**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Frustaglio, dated June 17, 2002:

**Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Frustaglio recommends:

That the following resolution to designate the City of Vaughan as a Character Community be adopted:

WHEREAS the people of the City of Vaughan wish to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character;

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WHEREAS people who demonstrate positive character qualities and moral choices improve the health, safety and welfare of their fellow citizens, resulting in a lower financial burden upon the taxpayers for the costs of services that protect and enhance their quality of life; and

WHEREAS, many current societal problems can be alleviated by citizens of this region by embracing positive and constructive character qualities.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of the City of Vaughan pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a Character Community in order to formally launch a Region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to request Council's approval of the resolution designating the City of Vaughan as a Character Community.

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 24, 2002**

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**Background - Analysis and Options**

The Region of York Council passed the above noted resolution to designate York Region as a Character Community. The Region is requesting each area municipality to pass a similar resolution to designate their municipality as Character Communities.

**Conclusion**

In accordance with York Region's request, the above noted resolution is before Council for approval.

**Attachments**

York Region Council Extract

**Report prepared by:**

J. D. Leach  
City Clerk

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

## TOWN OF WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

### EXTRACT FROM THE COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 5, 2002. CHARACTER COMMUNITY PRESENTATION (C10-DE & A16)

Council resolved:

THAT the delegation of Mayor Cousens, Chair of the York Region Steering Committee for a *Character Community* be received;

AND THAT the following resolution be supported;

*WHEREAS, the people of York Region wish to strengthen our citizens, families and community as a whole by encouraging excellence in character.*

*WHEREAS, we desire to build a Region where families are strong, homes and streets are safe, education is effective, business is productive, neighbours care about one another, and citizens are free to make wise choices for their lives and families; and*

*WHEREAS, our schools should be a safe atmosphere where character is exemplified, taught, and rewarded, and where learning is encouraged; and*

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*WHEREAS, many current societal problems can be alleviated by citizens of this Region by embracing positive and constructive character qualities.*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the people of York Region pledge our commitment to character and designate ourselves as a Character Community in order to formally launch a region-wide initiative to enhance character in our schools, businesses, government, media, families, community and multi-faith groups, and we urge the leaders of each of these organizations to support and contribute to this endeavour.*