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## Taste of Tuscany Council Position

Special Council Meeting held on May 30, 2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Taste of Tuscany Council Position be approved and; released and acted upon June 6, 2012 to coincide with the release of the documents as ordered by the Information and Privacy Commission. Carried. SC2012-275

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## TASTE OF TUSCANY COUNCIL POSITION

WHEREAS the stated purpose of the Taste of Tuscany Gala Fund was to raise funds for various capital community projects within the Town, including the Civic Square and the Sharon Temple; and

WHEREAS \$47,619 was expended from the Fund for the Town's legal fees related to the Sharon Temple tree cutting incident and \$11,038 was expended from the Fund for Personal Legal Fees and these expenditures did not relate in any way to the stated purpose of the Gala Fund; and

WHEREAS the Town's legal fees related to the tree cutting incident were expended in order to protect the Town, its staff and taxpayer interests and represent an unfortunate but necessary Town expense; and

WHEREAS an option pursuant to a Council agreement in 2008 was exercised by individuals to have their personal legal fees reimbursed; and

WHEREAS it is not appropriate that monies from the Taste of Tuscany Gala Fund be used for anything other than the stated purposes of the Gala Fund, and that the reserve should be reimbursed in the amount of \$58,657; and

THAT the Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury hereby waive solicitor-client privilege with respect to the Report prepared by J. Matera of Aird & Berlis dated May 15, 2012 ; and

THAT the above Report be received; and

THAT Council transfer funds from the insurance reserve/funds to the Taste of Tuscany Gala fund in the full amount of \$58,657; and

THAT the individuals whose legal fees were paid by the Taste of Tuscany Gala Fund be respectfully requested to reconsider their choice in having those bills reimbursed, and;

THAT the Aird & Berlis Report and this Council Position be made public as of June 6, 2012, posted on the Town website on June 6, 2012 and that any other reports and documents related to this incident be made available upon request; and

THAT in accordance with prior Council resolution CWC2012-113, staff prepare a report presenting options for a new fundraising policy; and

THAT the Donors who have expressed an interest in this matter be advised of the actions being taken.