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City Honours Duncan Wray

In recognition of his many contributions to his community, Vernon City Council today honored Dr. Duncan Wray, owner of the Vernon Vipers, with the **Freedom of the City Award**. The special ceremony was held in Council Chambers at City Hall on Tuesday May 10, 2011 at 10:00 am.

Freedom of the City is the highest civic tribute bestowed by the City of Vernon by a unanimous decision of City Council. The honor is awarded to individuals or organizations recognizing outstanding community contribution.

Speaking on behalf of City Council, Mayor Wayne Lippert commented on the impact of the contributions to Vernon made by Duncan Wray, who has led the Vipers franchise to the top in Canadian Junior Hockey. Said Lippert, "Duncan's leadership of the Vipers franchise and its standing in the league has had a tremendous positive impact for the City, basically putting Vernon on the map across Canada's hockey community. All of us are so proud of the Vipers, not just for the great hockey they play, but for all the personal involvement in community service that Duncan and the team give to so many local organizations each season. His work with minor hockey and his scholarship assistance to our young people are just a few examples of his generosity and his determination to set young people on the right path while turning out stellar athletes. Duncan and his team are great ambassadors for Vernon!"

Dr. Wray becomes the 20th recipient of the Freedom of the City Award.