Supplied photo Enrico Colantoni

Enrico Colantoni to be honoured at film festival

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A celebrated Canadian actor, who hails from York Region, is being honoured at this year's Vaughan International Film Fes-

Nobleton's Enrico Colantoni will be presented with the 2017 Independent Leader Award during the fifth annual celebration of

short films, which runs May 15 to May 18.

Colantoni is best known for his roles in Flashpoint, Galaxy Quest, Just Shoot Me and Veronica Mars.

The 54-year-old Toronto-born actor is the first Canadian screen star to land the award, launched three years ago to recognize strong supporters of independent film.

The two previous honourees were American.

Character actor Michael Madsen, of Reservoir Dogs fame, garnered the inaugural award in 2015, while 90s film star William "Billy" Baldwin took home the award last year.

As always, this year's festival features two days of film screenings, an industry seminar day and an awards ceremony to close

things out. Those attending the seminar day will get a chance to pitch a script to producer, director and actress Amy Jo Johnson, best known for her roles in Power Rangers, Felicity and Flashpoint.

That event takes place Tuesday, May 16 from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Aloft Vaughan Mills Hotel, 151 Bass Pro Mills Dr.

To find out more, visit www.vaughanfilmfestival.com.









Call for 2018 Funding

York Region Community Investment Strategy

Through its Community Investments Strategy (CIS). York Region provides funding for projects from not-for-profit agencies that deliver services to low and moderate income York Region residents.

Eligible not-for-profit agencies are invited to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for 2018 one-year funding. The call for EOIs opens on April 5, 2017 and closes on May 3, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. sharp.

Information Session

Attending an Information Session is strongly encouraged for any agency considering submitting an EOI, as the EOI process has changed. Pre-registration is not required.

April 20, 2017

1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Newmarket Community Centre - Hall 1 200 Doug Duncan Drive, Newmarket, ON

This is the only opportunity for agencies to apply for CIS 2018 funding. Applications must be submitted by May 3, 2017. One year funding is available in 2018. Multi-year funding is not available in 2008.

For more information or to download the EOI documents, please visit York.ca/cis and attend the information session.