

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 8, 2003

RENAMING OF TASK FORCE CONFIRMATION OF MEMBERSHIP VAUGHAN HOSPITAL STUDY TASK FORCE

Recommendation

The Mayor recommends that:

1. The "Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force" be renamed the "Vaughan Health-Care Facility Study Task Force", in accordance with the Task Force's resolution of September 30, 2003.
2. The Task Force membership be confirmed as the:
 - a) The Mayor and Members of Council (*ex officio*) as full voting members; and,
 - b) Those persons previously appointed to the Task Force.
3. The membership of the Consultant Search Sub-Committee be confirmed as those persons identified in the September 22, 2003 report to Council.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain ratification of the recommended name change for the Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force and to confirm the membership of the Task Force and its Consultant Search Sub-Committee.

Background – Analysis and Options

1. Task Force Name Change

On January 27, 2003, Council endorsed the creation of the "Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force" for the purpose of examining the need for a hospital/health-care facility in the City of Vaughan. Discussions with staff at the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Simcoe-York District Health Council brought to light a concern that the immediate pursuit of a full general hospital might be unrealistic. A more flexible approach would be to pursue a health-care facility, composed of an evolving number of services, which could develop into a complete health-care facility over time.

It was suggested that the Task Force's name be amended to reflect this approach. On September 30, 2003, this matter was brought to the attention of the Vaughan Hospital Study Task Force, together with the recommendation that it be renamed the "Vaughan Health-Care Facility Study Task Force". The Task Force approved the new name. This change is now being placed before Council for its ratification. It is noted that this name change will not preclude the City from obtaining a full hospital in the future. Need and the level of funding available will ultimately determine the nature and evolution of the facility that will serve the City.

2. Confirmation of Task Force Membership

On March 17, 2003, Council adopted a resolution specifying the composition of the Task Force. The Mayor and Members of Council were appointed on an *ex officio* basis, with full voting rights. The remaining Task Force members were to be appointed from the

public, representing each ward, the medical community, the business/development community and the charitable/non-profit sector.

The recent municipal election changed the composition of Council. It is now appropriate to confirm the membership of the Task Force on the basis of the new Council and the previous appointments to the Task Force from the public. The Task Force is composed of the following people.

Council:
Mayor Di Biase
Regional and Local Councillor Mario Ferri
Regional and Local Councillor Linda Jackson
Regional and Local Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Councillor Susan Kadis
Councillor Bernie DiVona
Councillor Sandra Leung-Racco
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Tony Carella

Region of York: Regional Chair Bill Fisch
(Regional participation was requested by Council on May 26, 2003)

Public:

Representing Each Ward:

- Mr. Naseer Ahmad (Ward 1)
- Mr. Max Ciccolini (Ward 2)
- Mr. Eugene Orlando (Ward 3)
- Dr. Shahid Muhammed Aziz (Ward 4)
- Mr. Joe Jonsson (Ward 5)

Representing the Medical Community:

- Dr. Sharla Litchman
- Mr. Joseph Mapa
- Dr. Michael Pizzuto
- Dr. Vince Maida

Representing the Business/Development Community:

- Mr. Fred De Gasperis
- Mr. Angelo Baldassarra
- Mr. Peter Cipriano
- Mr. John Di Poce
- Mr. Louis Greenbaum
- Mr. Ken Burrell
- Mr. Quinto Annibale
- Mr. Michael De Gasperis

Representing the Charitable/Non-Profit Sector:

- Ms. Sandy Keshen, Reena Foundation
- Mr. Arrigo Rossi, Famee Furlane Club

3. Confirmation of Membership – Consultant Search Sub-Committee

On June 10, 2003 the Task Force directed that terms of reference be prepared for a consulting study to form the basis for a request to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care for its support for further work on a Vaughan Health-Care Facility. It also authorized the creation of a "Consultant Search Sub-Committee" to develop the terms of reference,

review proposals and then make recommendations to the Task Force/Council on the preferred candidate. The following Task Force members were selected to serve on the Sub-Committee:

Ms. Sandy Keshen
Mr. Angelo Baldassarra
Mr. Louis Greenbaum
Mr. Ken Burrell
Mr. Joe Jonsson
Dr. Michael Pizzuto
Mr. Quinto Annibale
Mr. Michael De Gasperis

On September 22, 2003, Council authorized the Task Force to proceed with "The Vaughan Health-Care Facility Planning and Implementation Study" and to report back to Council for the purposes of obtaining ratification of its recommendation for a preferred consultant. As noted, much of this work has been delegated to the Sub-Committee.

The Sub-committee has commenced its work. I have been advised by the City Manager that the Terms of Reference were finalized and on Thursday November 27, 2003, the City issued the Request for Proposal for, "The Vaughan Health-Care Facility Planning and Implementation Study". Notice of the Request for Proposal was published in the *Globe and Mail*, on the *City Page* in the *Liberal* and on the City's Website. The submission date for proposals is Thursday January 15, 2004.

In order to ensure continuity, it is important that the Consultant Search Sub-Committee maintain its current composition. Therefore, its current membership should be confirmed.

Conclusion

Over the last nine months, substantial progress has been made toward the objective of obtaining a Health-Care Facility for the City of Vaughan. One of the main reasons for this progress is the contribution of time and expertise by the members of the Task Force. Therefore, it is recommended that the previously approved Task Force structure and citizen membership be confirmed and that the new members of Council be formally recognized as members. This will allow the work of the Task Force to continue uninterrupted with the full backing of Council.

Attachments

N/A

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Di Biase
Mayor