

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE URBAN DESIGN DEPARTMENT ORGANIZATIONAL RE-ALIGNMENT APPROVED BY COUNCIL JUNE 28, 2004

Recommendation

Commissioner of Planning recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes only.

Purpose

To provide the Operational & Strategic Planning Committee with an update on the Progress of the Planning and Urban Design Departmental organizational re-alignments.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Director, Community Planning position has now been revised and re-titled "Director of Development Planning". The research and policy formulation functions have been removed and the urban design review functions related to development application processing have been added. This change ensures the Director's responsibilities are clearly focused on development applications. The Director of Urban Design position has been eliminated and a new position of "Director of Policy Planning/Urban Design" has been implemented. This change incorporates urban design and planning disciplines and focuses the Director of Policy Planning/Urban Design on policy development, urban design guidelines, research and land use studies. The new organization will improve decision-making processes, maximize timely response concerning customer service, foster good urban design within planning applications through joint collaboration, and will internally and externally clarify the responsibilities of both planning and urban design functions.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with strategic objective D-1: "" Develop and implement solutions that increase productivity or reduce operating cost"

Conclusion

The Commissioner of Planning will continue to monitor the progress of the implementation and provide a status report to the committee in the 2nd quarter, 2005.

Attachments

1. Planning & Planning/Urban Design Organizational chart- 10/04

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Respectfully submitted,

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