

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 7, 2005

PROTECTION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS IN FUTURE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

WHEREAS buildings of significant historical and architectural importance are a valuable asset to the City of Vaughan's history and culture;

AND WHEREAS it is in the interests of the citizens of the City of Vaughan to protect buildings evaluated and deemed to meet the developed criteria;

AND WHEREAS it is critical to develop a process that assists and encourages the preservation of identified buildings;

MOVE THAT staff develop a strategy that will assist and encourage the maintenance and preservation of identified buildings. This strategy shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. a study to identify buildings of significant historical and architectural importance;
- ii. that these buildings shall be identified to the registered owner by registered mail;
- iii. that the owners be required to submit plans that will provide for the maintenance and preservation of identified buildings on site at the time of the application for Official Plan Amendment;
- iv. that the plans shall be approved prior to the submission of a Zoning Amendment Plan or Plan of Subdivision;
- v. that a letter of credit in the amount of the value of the buildings be provided for the maintenance of the identified buildings prior to approval of the Plan of Subdivision;

AND THAT staff return the strategy for review at an upcoming meeting of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) for public input prior to approval by Council.

Purpose

The purpose of this recommendation is to protect and preserve historical buildings located in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

To develop a strategy with respect to any future development application, should it contain any historical buildings as determined by the City of Vaughan, which gives consideration to the preservation and protection of such buildings.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

That the City of Vaughan ensures that consideration is given to the preservation of historical buildings in all future development applications.

Attachments

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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