

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) – SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

### **GREEN DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS AND GREEN ROOFS PRESENTATION**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning, in consultation with the Director of Policy Planning, recommends:

1. THAT the presentation by Ms. Jane Welsh, Acting Project Manager - Environment, of the City of Toronto Policy & Research Department, City Planning, on Green Roofs, be received.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact to the City of Vaughan resulting from this presentation.

#### **Communications Plan**

No communications plan is required at this time.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is introduce the sustainable communities concept of “Green Roofs” to Council and to share the experience of the City of Toronto in this area.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Last year, City of Toronto Council approved its “Green Development Standard”. It lays out a set of performance targets and guidelines to promote environmentally sustainable site and building design in Toronto. It also established the Green Roofs strategy, which involves encouraging green roofs through an incentive program and installation on city facilities.

The City of Toronto recently won the FCM award for sustainable communities for its work on green roofs.

In keeping with Vaughan Council's interest in learning about and applying workable approaches and elements of sustainable communities in the City of Vaughan, Ms. Jane Welsh from the City of Toronto Planning Department has agreed to present Toronto's green roofs experience and standards to Council. The presentation will address why the City of Toronto took the approach it did, how it was done (consultation process), what constitutes the “Green Development Standard” and Green Roofs Strategy, and how the approach is being implemented.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council (V V A5 - Plan & Manage Growth). No resources are required nor need be allocated in the 2008 Budget.

#### **Regional Implications**

None.

#### **Conclusion**

This presentation is provided for the information of Council.

**Attachments**

None.

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