COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 15, 2007-

COMMUNITY WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY CHARTER

Recommendation

The Safe City Committee recommends:

- 1) That the information on Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter be received; and
- 2) That the Safe City Committee recommends that the City of Vaughan endorse the principles of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's (WSIB) Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

N/A

<u>Purpose</u>

To advise Council of the Safe City Committee's recommendation requesting the City of Vaughan to endorse the Charter.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Association of Municipalities of Ontario Board meeting on August 19, 2007, the Workplace Safe and Insurance Board (WSIB) launched a new Municipal Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter. WSIB plays a key role in Ontario's occupational health and safety system. WSIB administers no-fault workplace insurance for employers and their workers and is committed to the prevention of workplace injuries and illnesses. WSIB also provides disability benefits, monitors the quality of healthcare, and assists in early and safe return to work for workers who are injured on the job or contract an occupational disease.

The Workplace Safe and Insurance Board is appealing to the municipal leaders to endorse the Charter and serve as models for all employers in their communities. By signing the Charter with the WSIB, municipalities will be making a public commitment to actively participate in eliminating workplace incidents in their communities.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council to serve our citizens and promote community safety, health and wellness.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Safe City Committee recommends:

That the City of Vaughan endorse the principles of the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board's (WSIB) Community Workplace Health and Safety Charter.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – WSIB's Community Workplace Safety Charter.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Community Workplace Health & Safety Charter

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PREVENT-ITVILLE

THE MUNICIPALITY OF PREVENT-ITVILLE endorses the principle that engaging senior community leadership is fundamental to ensuring real change occurs in eliminating workplace injuries in our community.

The Municipality of Prevent-itville accepts that effectively managing workplace health, safety and wellness is essential for our community's continued social welfare and economic success.

The Municipality of Prevent-itville recognizes that the involvement of all sectors of our community at every level in the workplace is a prerequisite to eliminating workplace injuries in the Municipality of Prevent-itville.

By signing this **COMMUNITY WORKPLACE HEALTH AND SAFETY CHARTER**, The Municipality of Prevent-itville is making a public commitment to actively participate within a learning community that provides and receives best practices for the enhancement of employee physical, social and mental wellbeing in all employment sectors within our community.

DATED THIS 19TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2007

Mayor of Prevent-itville Municipality of Prevent-itville

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Hon. Steven W. Mahoney, P.C. CHAIR WSIB