

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – DECEMBER 3, 2007

REQUEST FOR THE CITY OF VAUGHAN TO EXPEDITE THE OPENING OF THE WOMEN'S SHELTER IN VAUGHAN

Recommendation

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

1. That Staff be directed to ensure that they assist in expediting the opening of the Women's Shelter in Vaughan in support of direction from Council of February 26, 2007.

Economic Impact

To be determined as outside private funds are available.

Purpose

The shelter needs of domestic violence victims are not being adequately addressed in southern York Region and the City of Vaughan has been identified as being the location best suited to establishing a women's shelter.

Background – Analysis and Options

Council approved The Mayor's Task Force on Women's Shelter Needs on June 26th, 2006, after which a Final Report was presented and approved on February 26, 2007 and to date this shelter has not moved forward.

Consulted agencies verified that the incidence of domestic violence in the City of Vaughan is comparable to that in any other municipality in Ontario.

Awareness was created in this issue and a philanthropist in the community has kindly provided the use of a location in the City of Vaughan.

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.

Regional Implications

Nil.

Conclusion

It is my feeling that with the holiday season fast approaching it is imperative that we ensure that this shelter is opened as quickly as possible.

Attachments

Nil.

Report prepared by:

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Meffe,
Councillor, Ward 1