

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 18, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF PANEL 1 OF THE TASK FORCE ON DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND RENEWAL

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella and Mr. Steven Del Duca, Co-Chairs of Panel 1 of the Task Force on Democratic Participation and Renewal, recommend:

1. That the following applicants be appointed to Panel 1 of the Task Force:

Steven Adler	Susan Boran
David Bingham	Elizabeth Bottos
Tony Genco	Nona Cohen
Joe Grando	Gail Copeland
Steven Laise	Mary Dominelli
Basat Khalifa	Donna Giustizia
Richard Leong	Loreta Pavese
Joe Pittari	Mary Ruffolo
David Seiger	Deborah Schulte
Elliot Silverstein	Maria Tarantini

2. That Ward 5 Councillor Alan Shefman be appointed the Council Liaison Officer in respect of Panel 1, as provided in the *Terms of Reference* of the Task Force; and

3. That subject to the approval of the City Manager, Sybil Fernandes, Deputy City Clerk, be appointed the Staff Liaison Officer in respect of Panel 1, as provided in the *Terms of Reference* of the Task Force; and

3. That the Panel be empowered to appoint substitutes from the existing pool of twenty-two additional applicants should any of those appointed by virtue of this recommendation resign from the Panel once appointed, or otherwise be declared by the Panel to have effectively resigned due to failure to attend more than three consecutive meetings without prior notice to the Panel, and its subsequent receipt and approval of the reasons for such failure to attend.

Economic Impact

Nil

Purpose

To establish the membership of Panel 1 of the Task Force on Democratic Participation and Renewal, and to approve a process for filling any future vacancies.

Communication Plan

Those appointed will be so informed by a letter from the co-chairs. A media release will be composed by the co-chairs and issued by the Corporate Communications Department. Those not appointed will be so informed by letter from the co-chairs. As well they will be (1) invited to make independent submissions to the Panel at a future date, and (2) informed that their application will be re-considered should any member of the Panel resign or otherwise create a vacancy.

Background – Analysis and Options

The *Terms of Reference* for Panel 1 require that there be equal representation of males and females on the panel, that panelists be drawn from across Vaughan and be reasonably representative of the diversity within of our municipality.

Forty-three applications were received from individuals interested in serving on Panel 1 of the Task Force: ten from Ward 1, ten from Ward 2, twelve from Ward 3, five from Ward 4, and six from Ward 5. All wards are represented among the complement of recommended appointees, in approximate proportion to the number of applicants from each ward; that is, four from Ward 1, five from Ward 2, six from Ward 3, two from Ward 4, and three from Ward 5.

The Panel will convene for the first time in September, and is required to complete its mandate within two years; that is, by September 2009, to permit Council time to respond to any final recommendations of the Panel prior to the start of the 2010 municipal campaign period, which begins January 1, 2010.

To ensure that the copious workload that the Panel will be undertaking over that period is addressed by the full complement of twenty members (plus the co-chairs), it is important that the membership be at full strength at all times.

To this end, it is recommended that the Panel be permitted to appoint substitute members in the event of a vacancy due to resignation or other reasons, such substitutes to be drawn from the balance of applicants not nominated at this time, but whose applications remain filed with the Clerk's Department.

Regional Implications

Nil

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007 T

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

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella and Steven Del Duca

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor – Ward 2, Co-Chair	Co-Chair
Panel 1, Task Force on Democratic Participation and Renewal	