

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 12, 2011

CONSIDERATION OF AD HOC COMMITTEES

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1. Pedestrian/Street Task Force meeting of January 27, 2011 (Report No. 1)
2. Pedestrian/Street Task Force meeting of February 24, 2011 (Report No. 2)
3. Task Force on Advisory Committees meeting of March 16, 2011 (Report No. 3)
4. Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting of March 29, 2011 (Report No. 1) – *Revised Report*

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5. Pedestrian/Street Task Force meeting of ~~January 27, 2011~~ March 24, 2011 (Report No. 3)

Please note there may be further Communications.

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

REPORT NO. 1 OF THE

PEDESTRIAN/STREET SAFETY TASK FORCE

*For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on April 12, 2011*

The Committee of the Whole met at 5:00 p.m. on January 27, 2011.

Present: Elizabeth Bottos, Co Chair
Mark Carafa
Roger Dickinson
Michael Dilorio
Lance Dutchak

Also Present: Nelson Costa (Alternate)
Albert Chan (Alternate)

Staff & Outside
Representatives: Jack Graziosi
Jason McIlveen
Tony Cusimano
Robert Leonardis
Megan Johnson Lui
Christina Napoli

The following items were dealt with:

1 **COLLECTION OF TASK FORCE EVALUATION FORMS**

The Pedestrian Street Safety Task Force collected completed evaluation forms and encouraged any additional forms be emailed or delivered to the Recording Personnel.

2 **REVIEW OF TASK FORCE PROGRESS**

An overview of the revised progress chart was provided.

3 **DISCUSS AND DEVELOP "EDUCATION" RECOMMENDATIONS**

Additional recommendations were provided:

- Add educational pamphlets to the City of Vaughan tax bills;
- Visit retirement homes for seniors to get the message of safety out;
- Continue to visit High Schools and Primary Schools;
- Engage the local media to get the messages out;
- Advertise safety inside the local transit buses; and
- Target young children and their parents.

The Region of York reported that they have partnered with York Regional Police and are targeting to announce a big blitz for pedestrian safety. Workshops are being organized to gather information and a marketing committee will be gathering information that will be used as the basis for the blitz. The York Region

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School Board is assisting by engaging the school children in safety practices.

The following recommendation was approved for the report:

"That the City of Vaughan, Region of York and the York Region Police continue to expand and enhance existing educational programs and messages."

A list of current initiatives, programs, etc. will be provided by the Region of York, York Regional Police and York Region School Board for inclusion in the report.

4 **ATTENDANCE/QUORUM**

The Task Force withdrew its request to remove members from the Task Force.

5 **REGION OF YORK REPORT TO THEIR COMMITTEE**

An article in the Vaughan Citizen, dated Sunday, January 16, 2011, entitled, "*Report Pushes for Safer Streets*" was reviewed. The Task Force also reviewed and discussed the Region's Transportation Services Committee, Report No. 1, Item 2, dated January 3, 2011, adopted by Regional Council on January 27, 2011, entitled, "*Pedestrian Safety Initiatives*". The report recommends the adoption of the recommendation of the Commissioner of Transportation Services, "*that the Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the local municipalities.*"

6 **NEW BUSINESS – COUNCIL REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF SCHOOL
CROSSING GUARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

Council, at its meeting of December 14, 2010, (Item 16, Report No. 43 of the Committee of the Whole) adopted the following:

"That staff, in consultation with the Pedestrian Street Safety Task Force, review the school crossing guard policy and procedures."

The extract and School Crossing Guard Policy and Procedure, were discussed. A subcommittee of the Pedestrian/Street Safety Task Force will be established comprised of the Director of Engineering Services, Engineering Services staff, York Region School Board and 2 members of the Task Force. The first meeting is scheduled for February. An update will be provided at the next Task Force meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Bottos, Co Chair

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REPORT NO. 2 OF THE

PEDESTRIAN/STREET SAFETY TASK FORCE

*For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on April 12, 2011*

The Pedestrian/Street Safety Task Force met at 5:00 p.m. on February 24, 2011.

Present: Paolo Massaro, Chair
Elizabeth Bottos, Co Chair
Roger Dickinson
Michael Dilorio
Lance Dutchak
Lauri Hewitt

Staff & Outside
Representatives: Jack Graziosi
Tony Cusimano
Robert Leonardis
Megan Johnson Lui

The following items were dealt with:

1 **REVIEW OF TASK FORCE PROGRESS**

An overview of the revised progress chart was provided. Discussion took place on the summary of recommendations to date.

2 **DISCUSS AND DEVELOP REPORT TO COUNCIL**

A presentation was provided on the draft template for formatting the report to Council.

3 **NEW BUSINESS – UPDATE ON REVIEW OF THE SCHOOL
CROSSING BOARD POLICY AND PROCEDURE**

A meeting of the Task Force, York Region School Board and Engineering Services staff was held to review the school crossing guard policy and procedures. The following recommendation will be provided in a report to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of April 17, 2011:

"That all new schools be provided a temporary crossing guard for a period of 1 school year. A study will be carried out at a future date to determine if the warrant is met for the school crossing guard to remain after the temporary period;

That assisted and unassisted crossings continue to be reported separately, but the warrant will be based on the total of assisted and unassisted crossings; and

That the current warrant of 50 crossings be reviewed and reduced to 40."

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A comparison of policies from several other municipalities within the GTA was provided and it was determined that the existing policy on the Transportation Association of Canada Guidelines should continue to be followed.

**4 NEW BUSINESS – YORK REGIONAL POLICE VIDEO PRESENTATION
ON “PEDESTRIAN SAFETY TIPS”**

York Regional Police Superintendent Cusimano provided an educational Public Service Announcement video presentation entitled, “*Pedestrian Safety Tips*”. The video will be finalized for distribution to the Region of York, York Region School Boards, the media and local municipalities. The Task Force discussed the feasibility of posting the video on the City of Vaughan's website.

The meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paolo Massaro, Chair

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 3 OF THE
TASK FORCE ON ADVISORY COMMITTEES

*For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on April 12, 2011*

The Task Force on Advisory Committees met at 9:50 a.m., on Wednesday, March 16, 2011.

Present: Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair
 Councillor Tony Carella
 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

The following items were dealt with:

1 SPECIFIED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR AD HOC COMMITTEES UNDER CONSIDERATION

The Task Force on Advisory Committees advises:

1. The following Ad Hoc Committees would be recommended for establishment:
 - 1) City Wide Streetscape Committee
 - 2) Council/School Board Liaison Committee
2. That staff were requested to develop Terms of Reference for the selected Ad Hoc Committees.

2 V.A.C.E. (VAUGHAN ARTS CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE)

The Task Force on Advisory Committees advises that the Arts Advisory Committee would not be recommended for re-establishment at this time.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Rosati, Chair

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on April 12, 2011*

The Accessibility Advisory Committee met at 7:27 p.m., on March 29, 2011.

Present:

Meenu Sikand, Chair
Francesco Alaimo
Daniella DeGasperis
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca
Teresa Di Nardo
Josie Fedele
Frank Maggisano
Peter Pallotta
Bob Santos
Angelo Tocco

The following item was dealt with:

1. Election of Chair

The floor was declared open for nomination of the Chair.

Meenu Sikand was nominated for the position of Chair.

Meenu Sikand accepted the nomination of Chair, and as there were no other nominations, Meenu Sikand was acclaimed as Chair.

2. Terms Of Reference

The Terms of Reference were reviewed and discussed. It was suggested that the Terms of Reference be further reviewed at a later date.

3. Vaughan Accessibility Plan 2010

An overview of the Vaughan Accessibility Plan 2010 was provided. Members will give the Plan a comprehensive review and provide comments for consideration in the revised Plan.

Concerns were raised regarding pedestrian signal lights and the barriers that exist at several locations. A representative from Engineering Services will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss design guidelines, criterion for pedestrian signal light location and installation and to discuss the principles for matters identified in the 2010 Accessibility Plan under the heading Engineering and Public Works.

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OF THE CITY OF VAUGHAN ON MARCH 22, 2011**

4. Schedule of Meetings for 2011

The following 2011 meeting dates were approved:

May 24
June 28
September 27
October 18
November 29
December 13

5. Signing of Declaration of Office

The Declaration of Office document was signed by each member present and witnessed by Councillor DeFrancesca.

6. New Business – 2011 National Access Awareness Week, May 29 to June 4, 2011

The City of Vaughan will be participating in the 2011 National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) providing a variety of free activities and events citywide to showcase partnerships and programs that help people with disabilities. The focus of these events is to engage people with disabilities within their community; as well as, to raise awareness of the importance of building a barrier-free society. The Region of York, in collaboration with the local municipalities, will be celebrating NAAW by hosting an event to be held at Regional Headquarters. A list of particulars will be provided to members prior to the next meeting for information purposes. Members were encouraged to participate.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meenu Sikand, Chair

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1 **REVIEW OF TASK FORCE PROGRESS**

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2 **DISCUSS AND DEVELOP REPORT TO COUNCIL**

An overview of the draft report to Council was provided. Members provided comments on the format and content of the report. Members will come prepared to the next meeting to discuss any further amendments.

3 **DISCUSS MTO ROAD SAFETY CHALLENGE**

A copy of the MTO's "Road Safety Challenge 2011 Information Package", was distributed to members, reviewed and discussed. The Task force expressed an interest to participate.

4 **NEW BUSINESS – DEPUTATION AT COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

Members questioned if their attendance is required at the Committee of the Whole meeting in June.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Paolo Massaro, Chair