CITY OF VAUGHAN

REPORT NO. 7 OF THE

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION)

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 26, 2007

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) met at 9:40 a.m., on February 13, 2007.

Present: Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair

Mayor Linda D. Jackson

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (9:50 a.m.)

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

Councillor Tony Carella Councillor Bernie Di Vona Councillor Alan Shefman

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) resolved into closed session of the Committee of the Whole at 12:55 p.m. for the purpose of discussing: i) the security of property of the City. The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) reconvened into open session at 1:35 p.m. with the following members present:

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair

Mayor Linda D. Jackson

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

Councillor Tony Carella Councillor Bernie Di Vona Councillor Alan Shefman Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

The following items were dealt with:

1

PROPOSED SENIORS HOUSING INITIATIVE ON THE VAUGHAN CIVIC CENTRE CAMPUS

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends that the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated February 13, 2007, be received:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Legal Services recommends:

That Council provide direction.

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PROPERTY MATTER VAUGHAN CIVIC CENTRE CAMPUS

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session- Closed Session) of February 13, 2007, be approved.

3 POLICY – RESPONSE BY CITY STAFF TO REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION FROM THE PUBLIC

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the following report of the City Manager, dated February 13, 2007, be received;
- 2) That staff provide a further report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting incorporating the comments expressed by Members of Council; and
- 3) That the deputation of Mr. Paul DeBuono, 14 3650 Langstaff Road, Suite 391, Vaughan, L4L 9A8, be received.

Recommendation

The City Manager, in consultation with the Senior Management Team, recommends that:

1. The draft Policy, "Response by City Staff to Requests for Information from the Public", forming Attachment No. 1 to this report, BE ADOPTED as City Policy and added to the City of Vaughan Policy Manual under Department: Administrative, immediately following Policy No. 03.01.

4 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAMME: A STRATEGY FOR GROWTH

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated February 13, 2007, be approved; and
- 2) That \$50,000 be allocated to the Economic/Technology Development and Communications Operating Budget to cover the cost of International Partnerships in 2007.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the Director of Economic Development, recommends:

- 1. That the following report be received
- 2. That Council reconfirm its commitment to the City's International Partnerships Programme as an integral part of its broader economic development programme
- That Council endorse the principle of Continuity of Contact and Activity between the City of Vaughan and its International Partner Cities, in order to foster trust and communication, and to bring about tangible economic and social benefits, on behalf of all the constituents of Vaughan

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- 4. That staff be directed to develop work plans aimed at enhancing the benefits of partnership with our existing International Partners
- 5. That staff bring forward recommendations for new economic International Partnerships with suitable partner cities in China, northern Italy, USA and any other jurisdiction offering excellent growth opportunities for Vaughan.
- 6. That Council approve the replacement of all existing Sister City signage currently in place at specific intersections throughout the City, that appropriate signage be added for those International Partnerships not currently identified; and that \$30,000 be added to the Operating Budget for Economic/Technology Development to cover the cost of the new signage.

Budget for Economic/Technology Development to cover the cost of the new signage.
The meeting adjourned at 1:36 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati, Chair