

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(WORKING SESSION)

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 3, 2009*

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) met at 10:10 a.m., on January 12, 2009.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Linda D. Jackson
Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

The following items were dealt with:

1 **ANIMAL SERVICES SHELTER**

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That staff continue to work on the development of a permanent joint animal shelter facility with King Township and explore opportunities with King Township to add additional services to offset costs, i.e. dog grooming and pet stores; and**
- 2) That the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor and the Director of Enforcement Services, dated January 12, 2009, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor, and the Director of Enforcement Services, recommend:

1. That staff continue to work on the development of a permanent joint animal shelter facility with King Township.

2 **PUBLIC HEARING NOTIFICATION FOR PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
CITY OF VAUGHAN
FILE: 12.29

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning,**

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dated January 12, 2009, be approved;

- 2) That the timing of when Public Hearing agendas are made available be referred to staff and staff review stricter guidelines with respect to Committee of the Whole addendum planning reports;
- 3) That the City of Vaughan encourages the proponent to hold a community meeting prior to submitting a planning application;
- 4) That an extensive communications plan be developed to promote the new Planning notification recommendations. This plan should include media releases, preparation and insertion of articles, setting-up interviews, Councillor articles and letters to the Editor;
- 5) That the presentation by the Manager of Development Planning and presentation material entitled, "Public Hearing Notification With Respect To Planning Applications", dated January 2009, be received; and
- 6) That the deputation of Ms. Anna Bortolus and Mr. Bob Klein, Kleinburg & Area Ratepayers' Association, P.O. Box 202, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

1. THAT a Public Meeting be held to:
 - i) amend the public notification procedures outlined in OPA #478, specifically to increase the minimum public notification area for a planning application requiring a public meeting from 120 m to 150 m; and,
 - ii) amend Zoning By-law 1-88, specifically to permit a temporary sales office for the sale of or the taking of reservations for the purchase of residential units in a residential apartment condominium building only when the zoning is in place, whereas By-law 1-88 currently permits sales and reservations when the Official Plan is in effect.
2. THAT the following recommendations be adopted with respect to the proposed changes to the notification of planning applications and policy studies:
 - i) that Council adopt the "Notification for Planning Applications Protocol" and "Notification for Policy Study Protocol" as shown on Attachment #1, identifying the City's procedures for the notification of public meetings for:
 - a) planning applications requiring a public meeting, including:
 - 150 m notification area;
 - a new signage policy;
 - posting notices on the City's website; and,
 - the hand delivery of notices in new areas;
 - b) policy planning studies, including:
 - the Terms of Reference for each study shall review and identify signage opportunities within the study area and shall require an implementation plan (including new development areas);
 - utilizing an electronic registry to notify stakeholder at all key milestone events during a study; and,

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- the posting of notices in community facilities.
- ii) that Council adopt the “Sign Policy” as shown on Attachment #2, identifying the City’s requirements for a notice sign to inform the public of planning applications and policy planning studies, which includes:
 - a) a larger sign size;
 - b) simplified wording; and,
 - c) a map illustration of the application;
 - iii) that the Development Planning Department work with the Corporate Communications Department to establish a permanent advertisement to be included in every edition of the “City Page” directing the public to the City’s website for current public meeting notices respecting planning applications and policy studies;
 - iv) that a revised public meeting notice as shown on Attachment #3 that is more “reader friendly” be used to notify the public of a planning application and of a policy planning study;
 - v) that a new public meeting be considered for all planning applications under the following circumstances:
 - a) any application that has not been considered by the Committee of the Whole within two (2) years after being considered at a previous public meeting;
 - b) where the nature of the application has been amended to increase the density of the proposal, change the nature of the land uses or arrangement thereof, and increase the proposed building height; and,
 - c) in respect of a) and b) above, the Development Planning Department shall prepare a brief report to Council outlining the rationale for a new public meeting and that Council will make the final decision with respect to holding a further public meeting;
 - vi) that the notice of a public meeting respecting a planning application(s) or a policy study(ies) shall be:
 - a) posted for public viewing and information on the City’s website in accordance with the minimum time frames prescribed in the Planning Act;
 - b) that the website shall include a “hot link” to the notices; and,
 - c) previous notices shall be archived on the City’s website.
 - vii) that Ward Sub-Committee and community meetings continue to be used as a tool for engaging the public in the planning process, as directed by Council; and,
 - viii) that the Development Planning and Policy Planning Departments provide Access Vaughan with a copy of each public meeting notice, which identifies the City Planner responsible for the file, thereby allowing Access Vaughan to transfer the inquiry directly to the appropriate City Planner.
3. THAT the Legal Services and Building Standards Departments be directed to initiate an amendment to the City’s Sign By-law 203-92 (Consolidated By-law) to require that prior to applying for or erecting an advertising sales sign(s) for the taking of reservations or sale of residential units, for a residential apartment condominium building, that the necessary zoning be in place to facilitate a proposed development.

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair