CITY OF VAUGHAN

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 30, 2009

The Economic Development Committee met at 2:15 p.m., on June 22, 2009.

Present:

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

The following items were dealt with:

TRAVEL TO BAGUIO CITY, PHILIPPINES

The Economic Development Committee recommends:

- 1) That given the current economic downturn, the Economic Development Committee does not approve travel to Baguio City, the Philippines, by any member of Council unless paid for out of the member's own pocket, rather than from the member's budget or the Corporate Council budget;
- 2) That the City provide the materials requested and that members of the Filipino-Canadian Association of Vaughan (FCAV) be asked to assist in the distribution of materials; and
- 3) That the following report of Mayor Jackson, dated June 22, 2009, be received.

Recommendation

The Mayor recommends:

THAT the Economic Development Committee approve travel to Baguio City, Philippines for the period of August 28 to September 10, 2009.

2 INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS, BUSINESS MISSIONS AND TRAVEL POLICY

The Economic Development Committee recommends:

- 1) That staff be directed to:
 - (1) review selected GTA comparators to determine best practices in respect of International Partnerships, Business Missions and Travel Policy (IPBMTP); and
 - (2) review any guidelines/policies available from the Province of Ontario in respect of these matters;

- 2) That the current International Partnerships be incorporated into and inform the SWOTs analysis of the Employment Sectors Strategy; and
- 3) That the verbal report of the Manager of Economic Development, be received.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Chair