

BUDGET COMMITTEE - DECEMBER 14, 2004

**CITY OF VAUGHAN
CITIZENS' CHARTER OF RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of December 7, 2004, recommended, in part, the following:

That the following item be included on the December 14, 2004 Budget Committee Agenda:

- Citizens' Charter of Rights and Responsibilities (Budgetary Implications)

Attachment 1: City of Vaughan Citizens' Charter of Rights & Responsibilities
Prepared by Councillor Tony Carella, December 7, 2004

CITY of VAUGHAN

Citizens' Charter of Rights & Responsibilities

based on Vaughan Vision 2007

Every citizen has a right to...

- Live in a municipality in which mandated services are delivered effectively and efficiently
- Live in a municipality that promotes community safety, health, and wellness, while safeguarding the natural environment
- Live in a financially secure municipality---one that promotes diversified economic development to protect and enhance its revenue base
- Live in a municipality that plans and manages growth effectively, including the building, maintenance, and improvement of appropriate infrastructure
- Live in a municipality that attracts, retains and promotes productive and effective employees committed to their own on-going professional training and growth
- Live in a municipality which pursues innovation in the delivery of core services, including collaborative solutions to service-delivery issues.
- Live in a municipality whose government communicates effectively with its citizens

Every citizen has a responsibility to...

- Acknowledge that municipal services are finite, to be shared fairly with fellow citizens
- Avoid behaviour that threatens the safety, health and wellness of fellow citizens or the integrity of the natural environment
- Acknowledge that our security and well-being is built on the willingness of each of us to seek the common good
- Acknowledge that the orderly growth of our city depends on proper planning, which requires citizen participation
- Acknowledge that the financial stability of our city and the services we expect it to provide depend in part on the taxes we pay, and that as a consequence new services and new infrastructure must be affordable
- Acknowledge that staff are professionals, and citizens as well; that they deserve to be treated as such; and that as skilled workers they are best retained by competitive salaries
- Remember that communication is a two-way street, and that voting is the most basic form of communication between citizens and their elected representatives.