

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 1, 2004

REQUEST TO ESTABLISH A CITY AUDITOR

Recommendation

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

That staff be directed to meet with the Budget Committee and to report to Committee of the Whole on the methods and requirements to establish a City Auditor with a Governing Charter that includes a mandate and objectives as set out below.

Purpose

The purpose of this recommendation is to provide Council with information in order to establish the position of City Auditor with a Governing Charter.

Background - Analysis and Options

WHEREAS, this initiative is a new opportunity to restore Vaughan to the forefront of excellence, innovation and integrity; and

WHEREAS, the audit function in city government is an essential component of public control and accountability; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that we conduct independent reviews of all our municipal programs and services in order to provide the public, elected officials and management with a fair, objective and reliable assessment of our organization's performance; and

WHEREAS, a City Auditor will strengthen our corporate credibility throughout the municipal structure and further provide dependable and reliable information about city programs, services and governance.

Governing Charter

Mandate:

The City Auditor shall provide independent, objective assurance and advisory services in an accurate, methodical, professional, and credible manner for Management and Council so that the citizens of Vaughan can have confidence in the way that our city is managed. The City Auditor will use a systematic and disciplined approach to assess risk and evaluate the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.

Objectives:

The City Auditor will add value to the City Government by identifying opportunities for improving and streamlining city operations.

The City Auditor will identify, assess, measure and report on key risks faced by the City.

The City Auditor will develop and maintain an audit team with versatile skill sets in order to respond effectively to Council and Senior Management needs.

The City Auditor will be recognized as a leading audit organization and professional Internal Audit Group.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

I believe it is imperative that we move on this initiative in order to assist Vaughan to become a leading Canadian municipality in accountability as well as growth. We have a responsibility to ensure our efforts improve opportunities for successes and prosperity for all Vaughan's citizens.

Attachments

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Report prepared by:

Respectfully submitted,

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