

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 11, 2005

VISUAL DOCUMENTATION OF CITY HALL PROJECT

Recommendation:

Councillor Carella recommends that a report be provided to the Budget Committee from the Commissioners of Community Services and Economic & Technology Development and Communications regarding the creation of a visual record of the progress of the City Hall project, from groundbreaking to the completion of construction and official opening of the building and any financial impact.

Economic Impact:

The financial impact will be provided in the report to the Budget Committee.

Purpose:

The City of Vaughan is about to embark on the most important single project of its history, the construction of a new city hall, one which promises to be of special significance in terms of architectural merit and environmental-friendliness. It is appropriate that steps be taken immediately to ensure that the city has a comprehensive record of this project for future historical reference. While much of that record will be documentary (e.g., architectural drawings, landscaping plans, etc.), a visual record of the progress of construction will enhance that history, as such a record will be a key component of any historical account which is predominantly visual (e.g., a television documentary).

Background – Analysis and Options:

So distinguished a project has the potential of raising the profile of the City of Vaughan world-wide, and in fact indications have already been received that the new city hall will, once opened, attract a wide degree of interest, in view of its design and functionality. The “message” will be spread by a variety of media, including visual media such as television and film. To maximize the range of visual images which might be included in such a record, a digital record of the construction can be developed at little cost. Effectively, what will be required is a single camera mounted on the roof of the present city hall or other height (e.g., a flagpole). At some future date, such a record can be furnished to any party wishing to complete a documentary on the building.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007:

This report is consistent with priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion:

The City of Vaughan must anticipate the need for a visual history of this architecturally and environmentally significant project by any documentary producer interested in this project.

Attachments:

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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