

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 14, 2007

SMOG SUMMIT 2007

Recommendation

The City of Vaughan Environmental Task Force recommends:

1. That this report be received;
2. That Council endorse the draft *Toronto and Region 2007 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air*; and
3. That the Chair of the Environmental Task Force be appointed the City's representative at the signing of the Declaration at the 8th Smog Summit on June 7th, 2007.

Economic Impact

Participation in the GTA Clean Air Council (GTA CAC) and the Smog Summit are within the approved departmental budget and as such, there is no additional economic impact.

Communications Plan

A news release will be prepared indicating that the City of Vaughan will be a signatory of the Toronto and Region 2007 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air. The City's representative at the Smog Summit will also potentially participate in the Municipal Clean Air and Climate Change Announcements (contingent on acceptance of announcements).

Purpose

To seek Council's endorsement of the draft *Toronto and Region 2007 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air*, with the understanding that the final Declaration will be unveiled and signed on June 7th, 2007 at the Smog Summit.

Background

The signatories of the *Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air*, through the GTA Clean Air Council commit to acting in concert to address smog and green house gas emissions, to share information and where possible, to share resources and undertake appropriate research, studies, workshops and actions in order to improve air quality. The attached declaration identifies a number of existing programs that will be continued as well as new initiatives, such as exploring innovative financial mechanisms to enable corporate energy-use reductions and supporting Transportation Demand Management (TDM) programs.

Municipalities and regions will issue and sign a joint declaration during the proceedings. The facilitated question period will be the framework for bringing forward vetted announcements and commitments from individual municipalities. The Environmental Task Force will determine the programs to be submitted for vetting prior to May 15th, 2007.

The City of Vaughan has been participating in the Smog Summit since 2004.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Ongoing participation in the GTA CAC and the Smog Summit is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as it supports the goal of safeguarding the environment. Budget has been allocated for this initiative.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

With the creation of the Environmental Task Force in 2004, the City of Vaughan has been making progress on the development, implementation and communication of environmental initiatives. These initiatives protect the health of our residents and environment, improve quality of life and the economy of the City of Vaughan. Cooperative efforts, such as the Clean Air Council and the Smog Summit, assist in these efforts through the sharing of resources, information and best practices and are necessary to addressing larger, cross-boundary issues such as air quality, smog and climate change.

Attachments

1. Draft - *Toronto and Region 2007 Intergovernmental Declaration on Clean Air* (confidential – available to Mayor and Members of Council only)
2. 2007 Smog Summit Draft Agenda

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Respectfully submitted,

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**2007 Smog Summit Draft Agenda
Action on Clean Air and Climate Change**

**June 7th, 2007
Toronto City Hall – Council Chambers
9:00 am – 11:45 am**

Welcome by Toronto Mayor David Miller and Enbridge Gas Distribution

GTA-CAC Progress Update: Eva Ligeti, Clean Air Partnership

Presentation: Toronto Hydro: The Challenge and Benefits of Moving from Planning to Implementation

Federal Clean Air and Climate Change Announcements (to be confirmed)

Minister of Environment
Minister of Health
Minister of Natural Resources
Minister of Transportation

Media Questions and Answers

Provincial Clean Air and Climate Change Announcements (to be confirmed)

Minister of the Environment
Minister of Transportation
Minister of Energy

Media Questions and Answers

Presentation of Fresh Air Fair DVD

Municipal Clean Air and Climate Change Announcements

Energy Panel
Transportation Panel
Clean Air and Climate Change Planning Panel
Natural and Built Environment Panel

Media Questions and Answers

Signing of Declaration – Presentation and Signing of the 2007 Toronto and Region Inter-governmental Declarations on Clean Air

Closing Remarks by Toronto Mayor David Miller

Media Photo Opportunity, City Hall roof

Lunch (11:45 – 1:00pm), Members Lounge