

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 5, 2008

ADDITION TO THE FORMAT OF RECOMMENDATIONS MADE TO COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that Council approve the addition of a new section to the format of all recommendations made to Council and/or Committee of the Whole, such addition to be a section entitled "Contribution to Sustainability"; that the new section appear immediately after the section entitled "Recommendation"; and that this recommendation take upon the adoption of the City's environmental sustainability plan.

Economic Impact

Nil

Purpose

To ensure that those making recommendations to Council or Committee of the Whole consider the impact, if any, of their recommendation on the City of Vaughan's commitment to environmental sustainability, as specified in the City's environmental sustainability plan.

Communication Plan

As the recommendation is for the approval of what is essentially a housekeeping matter, a communication plan is not necessary.

Background – Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan's new strategic plan---*Vaughan Vision 20/20*---includes a vision statement that describes Vaughan as

A city of choice that promotes diversity, innovation and opportunity for all citizens, fostering a vibrant community life that is inclusive, progressive, environmentally responsible and sustainable.

The statement constitutes a commitment on the part of both the Council and Corporation of the City of Vaughan not only to support environmental sustainability, but to champion it. If the statement is to be taken at face value, it is appropriate that in all actions taken by the City----actions which are prompted in the form of recommendations from members of Council or the Senior Management Team---consideration should, and indeed must be given by Council to the impact that recommended actions will have on sustainability. Hence, this recommendation, which is designed to ensure that although not every recommended action will necessarily impact sustainability, consideration will be given to the question "How does this action impact sustainability?"

Regional Implications

Nil

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 20/20

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary

resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Councillor Carella requests that Council affirm its commitment to sustainability---as expressed in the vision statement which is the principal component of the City of Vaughan's new strategic plan, *Vaughan Vision 20/20*---by ensuring that consideration be given formally to the impact on sustainability of any recommendations to Council or Committee of the Whole by those making such recommendations.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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