

## **ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – MARCH 31, 2008**

### **2008 SMOG SUMMIT, JUNE 4<sup>TH</sup>**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends that:

1. This report be received for information purposes; and
2. The policy requiring Energy Star standards for new residential development be announced at the 2008 Smog Summit

#### **Economic Impact**

There are no economic impacts resulting from the receipt of this report.

#### **Communications Plan**

Not applicable at this time.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update the Environment Committee on the new Smog Summit protocol and suggest potential items to be announced at the 2008 Smog Summit.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The City of Vaughan has been participating in the Smog Summit since 2004. Participating in this event is an excellent opportunity to showcase initiatives being undertaken by the City of Vaughan. According to the Smog Summit protocol, the announcement must pertain to an initiative that is to be undertaken starting in the coming year (roughly between June 2008 – June 2009) that has a staff and budget allocation and ideally, will have measurable results.

This year's event will take place on Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at Toronto City Hall.

As indicated by the attached Smog Summit Announcement Protocol (attached), this year's announcements will be video-recorded beforehand and played during the Summit. Regional Councillor Frustaglio has agreed to tape the City of Vaughan announcement on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

The Clean Air Council has indicated there are four categories of announcements:

- Transportation Announcements
- Clean Air and Climate Change Planning Announcements
- Urban Form and Land Use Announcements
- Energy Announcements

It is recommended that the policy requiring Energy Star standards for new residential development be announced at the 2008 Smog Summit under the Energy category.

On November 12, 2007 Council approved a policy requiring all new low rise residential development to meet Energy Star Standards as a condition of subdivision approval. This policy exceeds the minimum standards in the Ontario Building Code and will result in homes that are 30 to 40 percent more efficient and produce 2 to 3 tonnes less greenhouse gas emissions. While Vaughan is not the first to announce such a requirement (East Gwillimbury announced a similar

policy in 2006), the magnitude of development in Vaughan makes this a significant steps towards more sustainable development.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

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

### **Regional Implications**

N/A

### **Conclusion**

The 2008 Smog Summit is an opportunity for the City to announce new programs that have a direct impact on air quality. It is recommended that the Environment Committee select an initiative that will have staff and budget allocation in accordance to the 2008 Smog Summit Announcement Protocol.

### **Attachments**

1. Smog Summit 2008 Announcement Protocol

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Smog Summit 2008  
Announcement Protocol**

At the December 2007 GTA-CAC meeting, members of the GTA-Clean Air Council reviewed the lessons learned from the 2007 Smog Summit announcements and selected the option of recording announcements onto DVD for airing at the 2008 Smog Summit. To meet this requirement the Clean Air Partnership will visit each of the jurisdictions that have clean air and climate change action announcements. An announcement is defined as:

- an initiative that is going to be undertaken starting in the coming year (roughly between June 2008 – June 2009) that has a staff and budget allocated to it. It should have measurable results (i.e. reduce energy use in municipal building by 10% or retrofit 30% of municipal building stock, purchase 50 hybrid vehicles for fleet, increase bus ridership by 10% etc.).
- Announcements do not have to be completed within the June 2008-2009 period, but it should have a completion or target date.

The benefit of this method is that GTA-CAC member jurisdictions can have more than one announcement and in more than one category. There will be four categories of announcements:

- Transportation Announcements DVD
- Clean Air and Climate Change Planning Announcements DVD
- Urban Form and Land Use Announcements DVD
- Energy Announcements DVD

The goal is to provide an opportunity to showcase one or more of your announcements in a vital and visual way. CAP will work with your GTA-CAC representative to videotape your project announcement in your community.

- One option is for the announcement to be recorded at a location that allows a visual background of the announcement.
- Another option is to videotape the announcement in a location that is convenient for the political representative and provide visual representation of the announcement through editing of the DVD. We would ask GTA-CAC representatives to inform CAP of locations, if there are any that should be recorded for the announcement.
- If the announcement does not lend itself to any visual representation the announcement can then take place at a location that is representative of the jurisdiction, for example its local City Hall.

To provide an example: A retrofit on a municipal building. We can show the exterior and interior perhaps mentioning green features and systems that will be retrofitted. The announcement can speak to energy used at present and the expected energy savings after the retrofit.

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**2008 Smog Summit  
Wednesday June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008  
Toronto City Hall  
Council Chambers**

**Agenda**

- 9:00 – 9:05** Mayor David Miller, Toronto: Welcome
- 9:05 – 9:10** Enbridge Gas Distribution, Welcome
- 9:10 – 9:20** GTA-CAC Progress Update
- 9:20 – 9:35** Federal Announcements and Media Q & A
- 9:35 – 9:55** Provincial Announcements and Media Q & A
- 9:55 – 10:05** Fresh Air Fair DVD
- 10:05 – 11:15** Municipal Announcements - *Municipal representatives are introduced*
- Transportation Announcements DVD
  - Clean Air and Climate Change Planning Announcements DVD
  - Urban Form and Land Use Announcements DVD
  - Energy Announcements DVD
- 11:15 – 11:30** Municipal Announcements Media Q & A
- 11:30 – 11:40** 2008 Declaration Presentation
- 11:40 – 11:45** Closing Remarks
- 11:45 – 12:00** Declaration signing and Media Scrum in Members Lounge
- 12:00 – 1:00** Lunch in Members Lounge

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Table 2: SMOG SUMMIT, June 2008, GTA-CAC Video taping Arrangements

**To be Confirmed**

	Date	Municipalities	Time	Place	Contact
1		Whitby			Maria McDonnell 905-430-4306 ext. 2332
2		Clarington			Faye Langmaid 905-623-3379 ext. 216
3		Durham			Ken Gorman 905-723-3818 ext. 2281
4		Mississauga			Brenda Sakauye 905-615-3217
5		Brampton			Chris Chiaravallotti 905-458-4888 ext. 333
6		Region of Peel			Louise Aubin 905-791-7800 ext. 2479
7		Township of King			Jamie Smyth 905-833-5321 ext.262
8		Town of East Gwillimbury			Robin Skinner 905-478-4282 ext.286
9		Richmond Hill			Dan Olding 905-771-5505
10		Region of York			Helen Doyle 1-877-352-1698 ext. 4500
11		Simcoe-Muskoka			Maria Whelan 705-721-7330 ext. 7345