

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 10, 2009

FUTURE OF THE GREENING VAUGHAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE (GVAC) AND REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE

RECOMMENDATION

1. The Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee recommends that the committee remain in place until the conclusion of the current term of Council
2. That Council approve the revised Terms of Reference as attached

Contribution to Sustainability

The GVAC has played a leading edge role in moving forward the City of Vaughan environmental sustainability efforts. It has acted to support the Greening Vaughan Waste Management Plan, provide input into the Plan's implementation and to assist in the education process for residents. All of these efforts are related to significant matters of sustainability in the City.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact.

Communications Plan

The continuation of the Committee and its updated mandate including its composition will be brought to the attention through a media release once approval has been given to proceed.

Purpose

To formally have the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee (GVAC) remain in place until the end of the term of office of the current Council and to approve the revised Terms of Reference.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting of March 21, 2005, a report entitled 'Greening Vaughan -- A Comprehensive Waste Management Plan' was presented and approved by Council. At this meeting Council recommended, in part, *"That staff prepare Terms of Reference for the creation of a 'Greening Vaughan' Advisory Committee and report back to Council by April 2005. Subsequently the Committee was established and has been operating since that time.*

In light of the completion of the three year plan and the publication of the *Green Directions Vaughan Plan* there have been on-going discussion at the Green Vaughan Advisory Committee meetings regarding the future of the committee.

The attached revision of the Terms of Reference reflects that discussion.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, specifically, "Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery" and "Lead and Promote Environmental Sustainability".

Regional Implications

The GVAC will continue to interact with the Region in appropriate situations.

Conclusion

With the approval of the extension and the new terms of reference the GVAC will continue to play an integral role in support of the City's environmental sustainability plan.

Attachments

Revised Terms of Reference

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Appendix 1
Terms of Reference 'Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee'
(Revised as per May 9, 2005 Committee of the Whole meeting & Revised again as per
April 10, 2006 GVAC meeting)
NEW Revision November, 2009

Council Resolution:

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Purpose of the Committee

The Committee's purpose is to make recommendations to Council on the implementation of the "Greening Vaughan" comprehensive waste management plan with particular attention to the implementation and ongoing operation of the residential curbside recycling (blue box) and source separated organics (Green bin) programs.

The Committee as it continues its mandate will also consider and where appropriate make recommendations via the Environment Committee to Council and to York Region on broader matters relating to waste management in the City of Vaughan, including multi-residential units, commercial and industrial sectors, special events and public places.

Mandate

1. The Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee will explore strengths and weaknesses of waste management programs that have been implemented in other municipalities (i.e. Implementation plan, communications plan and operation).
2. Will receive deputations on matters pertaining to waste management/recycling from the public relating to concerns and suggestions for improvement for the current program.
3. Will receive deputation from companies and organizations regarding innovations in the area of waste management that may be considered by the Committee for adaption or inclusion in the waste management operation of the City.
4. Work with the Region of York with respect to the interface between the roles of the City of Vaughan and the Region regarding waste management in the City of Vaughan.
5. Assist in the development and delivery of a comprehensive public education program relating to waste diversion programs, both to the public, companies located in the City and internally with staff and Members of Council
6. Review necessary requirements for supplier services

Assumptions

The "Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee" will operate under the following assumptions:

1. The continuing mandate of the Committee will continue to focus firstly on the residential

curbside Greening Vaughan program but will expand its perspective to include all aspects of waste management in the City. Of special focus will be how the Committee will advocate for reduction and reuse as a bottom line goal in all sectors of the City.

2. As a Committee our goal is to not limit our targets for diversion from landfill. We shall work with all sectors to continually improve our targets for diversion.
3. Whenever possible students and volunteer will participate in the communications program.
4. Some members of the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee may not participate in discussions concerning contracts or other matters that are confidential in nature.
5. The Committee will report to Council through the Environment Committee and work under the umbrella of the Green Directions Vaughan Plan to achieve the goals set out in the Plan

Composition

The Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee is a working group of members of the Public, Council and City staff. It will be comprised of 11 members, including 3 Members of Council, 4 City staff and 4 members of the public, with the Mayor as ex-officio.

In addition, representatives from the following may participate, as needed:

- Other City of Vaughan staff
- Region of York
- Collection contractors

Selection Process

It is recommended that all members of the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee possess genuine interest in waste management issues and has actively participated in community awareness/involvement initiatives. Candidates should possess some experience and knowledge in the field of waste management and community activism.

Members of the public requesting to be on the committee will be required to submit short Curriculum Vitae to the Clerk's Department. The submissions will be reviewed against predetermined criteria by a team comprising of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, the Director of Public Works and the Chair of the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee. Members of the public will be required to demonstrate a significant interest in environmental/waste management issues and community involvement. A "short list" of candidates will be presented to Council for consideration.

Attendance

It is imperative that all members make their best efforts to attend all meetings.

Meetings

The Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee meetings shall be once per month or as required, with the dates set at the first committee meeting. The meeting dates and times are to be set by the Committee.

Staff Support

Clerk's Department staff will prepare the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee notices, agendas and minutes.

Other departments such as ITS, Legal, Financial, Corporate Communications and Community Services shall be requested to provide services or opinions, as required.

Reporting

Staff shall provide progress reports to Environment Committee concerning the work of the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee on a monthly basis (or as required). Recommendations by the GVAC will be by consensus.

Copies of the minutes of all meetings will be provided to Committee representatives (save and except *in camera* meetings). Recommendation of the Committee shall be presented to the Environment Committee for Council consideration as required.