COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE DECEMBER 1, 2009

RESOLUTION FROM CANADIAN COALITION OF MUNICIPALITIES AGAINST RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION (CCMARD)

Recommendation

The Community Equity and Diversity Committee recommends that following resolution be adopted by Council.

"**BE IT RESOLVED** that the representatives of the undersigned member municipalities of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination, partner organizations, and supporters unanimously:

- 1) express our strong and ongoing commitment to champion equity and respect for all people through the Coalition, the endorsement of the Ten Common Commitments Against Racism and Discrimination and each municipalities own unique plan of action;
- acknowledge that racism and discrimination in Canada continues to divide communities, threaten democratic and participatory citizenship and entrench and aggravate inequalities within society;
- 3) recognize that the work of the Coalition will be strengthened by an increased membership representative of municipalities across Canada;
- 4) welcome the ongoing role of the Canadian Commission for UNESCO in the international coalition and the regional coalitions;
- 5) call upon municipal governments, in partnership with local, municipal, provincial and pan-Canadian organizations, to invest in efforts and recommendations set forth by the Coalition;
- 6) further call upon the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to make a strong and ongoing commitment to support the work of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination and to reiterate its call to its members in the Member's Advisory issued October 14, 2005 to join the Coalition."

Economic Impact

There is no economic Impact.

Communications Plan

N/A

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this report is for Council to adopt the resolution from the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD).

Background - Analysis and Options

At its meeting of November 4, 2009, the Community Equity and Diversity Committee recommended the above noted resolution from Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination (CCMARD) be adopted by Council.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Community Equity and Diversity Committee requests that this resolution be adopted by Council.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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