

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 1, 2010**

### **INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2006 – 2010 TERM**

#### **Recommendation**

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee recommends:

That the following report be received for information.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

N/A

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact associated with this report.

#### **Communications Plan**

N/A

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the accomplishments of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for the 2006 – 2010 term.

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

Council approved that all non-statutory committees submit to Committee of the Whole a summary of its accomplishments over the four (4) year term, prior to the expiry of the term.

The City of Vaughan's Intergovernmental Relations Committee:

1. to monitor issues of concern to federal and provincial legislatures;
2. to identify in respect of the above those issues of mutual concern to the City of Vaughan and the Province of Ontario, or the City of Vaughan and the Government of Canada, or the City of Vaughan and both the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada;
3. to consider opportunities for joint action on the part of the City of Vaughan and such other levels of government in respect of said issues; and
4. to recommend to the Council of the City of Vaughan those opportunities identified by the members of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee for further consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan as the latter may deem appropriate.

This committee was meeting monthly, but currently meets as required.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report is consistent with the goals and initiatives of Vaughan Vision 2020.

**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

As directed by Council, the Intergovernmental Relations Committee's accomplishments are attached for Council's information.

**Attachments**

1. Intergovernmental Relations Committee Accomplishments

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Respectfully submitted,

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**Intergovernmental Review Committee  
Accomplishments 2006 – 2010 Term**

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The committee is composed of the five ward Councillors charged with dealing with matters that impact the City of Vaughan, but which are the responsibility of other levels of government except that of York Region, where Vaughan is represented by the Mayor and three Regional Councillors. The members of the committee, both individually and collectively, maintain regular contact with our local MPs and MPPs, as well as elected officials of neighbouring municipalities, to address matters of mutual concern.

Topics falling within the mandate of the committee have seen considerable progress over the term of the present Council include the following:

1. A hospital in Vaughan: Approval has been given by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care of master plan funding for the construction of an acute-care hospital in the City of Vaughan, to be located on the north side of Major Mackenzie Drive, between Highway 400 and Jane Street.
2. The extension of Provincial Highway 427: the final route is expected to be confirmed shortly, meaning that lands needed for industrial purposes will soon be released for development over the next decade, starting south of Langstaff Road and continuing northward to Major Mackenzie Drive.
3. A community health centre in Vaughan: The Vaughan Community Health Centre, again funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care, has opened and is providing primary health care services to hard-to-reach populations and community health education to all of the residents of Vaughan.
4. The extension of the Spadina subway: The extension will in fact terminate at the Vaughan's future "downtown", the Metropolitan Centre, at Jane Street and Regional Road 7. Ground has been broken and construction is expected to be completed by 2015.
5. Co-ordination of public transportation policies for the 416 and 905 areas: Through the creation of Metrolinx, the province has responded to long-standing and implementing requests for an agency charged with developing a cross-regional public transit strategy.
6. Receipt of major funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus and RINC programs.

Progress has also been realized on other topics of interest to the committee and subject to provincial regulation:

- reducing the use of plastic shopping bags
- banning cosmetic pesticides
- phasing-out GTA pooling
- enhancing by-law enforcement powers
- revising planning and building standard fees (Bill 124)

and federal regulation:

- working to improve supermailbox maintenance
- dealing with the Asian Long-horned beetle
- working for a review of placement standards with regards to telecommunication towers