

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 58 OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(CLOSED SESSION)

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on October 31, 2005*

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) met at 4:20 p.m., on October 24, 2005.

Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair
 Mayor Michael Di Biase
 Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
 Councillor Tony Carella
 Councillor Bernie Di Vona
 Councillor Peter Meffe (4:30 pm)
 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco
 Councillor Alan Shefman

The following items were dealt with:

1 MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON SAFETY AND SECURITY IN VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That the City of Vaughan form a Mayor's Task Force to develop recommendations regarding Safety and Security by focusing on education, prevention and community participation;**
- 2) That Mr. Julian Fantino be appointed as the Task Force Chair;**
- 3) That the Chair appoints the Task Force members with representation from key stakeholder groups;**
- 4) That the Task Force develop and recommend Terms of Reference to Council at the earliest opportunity;**
- 5) That staff support be provided to the Task Force and that a budget of \$5,000 be provided from the Council Corporate budget if required; and**
- 6) That the following report of Mayor Di Biase, dated October 24, 2005, be received.**

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Recommendation

Mayor Michael Di Biase recommends:

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Economic Impact

The impact is \$5,000 within the existing budget.

Purpose

To create a Mayor's Task Force with the objective of developing recommendations which, when implemented will improve community safety.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan is not isolated. We are an intricate part of the GTA and not immune to the issues that face the City of Toronto and other GTA communities. In recent months we have been witness to various acts which undermine the safety and security of our community; however the City, on its own cannot take on this challenge. We must involve our whole community and key stakeholders in order to improve safety in our community. That is why I am recommending that a Mayor's Task Force be established. The Task Force will include representatives of key stakeholder groups. Key stakeholders include the City of Vaughan, York Regional Police, the Vaughan business community, School Boards and prominent community organizations in Vaughan. It is only through working together that we can find and implement solutions.

Public input and timing will be important to the success of the Task Force. The Task Force will be charged with the responsibility of recommending to Council the Terms of Reference which will outline in more detail, the mandate of the Task Force, the process for obtaining public input and the timely reporting of recommendations.

Should Council endorse this initiative Mr. Julian Fantino has offered to serve as the Task Force Chair. He is currently the Commissioner of Emergency Management for the Province of Ontario and a resident of Vaughan. Formerly he was the Chief of Police for York Region and more recently the former Chief of the Toronto Police Services. His understanding of the community and his expertise in community safety make him ideally suited to Chair this important Task Force.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Conclusion

The Task Force will serve as a vehicle for bringing together our community partners for the purpose of improving community safety. Through public consultation and working together we can make our communities safer.

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BOARD REMUNERATION

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That the proposed Board of Directors remuneration for Vaughan Holdings Inc. representing a total annual increase of \$1,180 be approved effective the later of the month of incorporation and the date of appointment to the Board;**
- 2) That based on the consultant's recommendation the future remuneration of the Chair, Vice Chair and Director be set at 100%, 85% and 75% respectfully of the remuneration of a Director on the Board of PowerStream;**
- 3) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary resolutions; and**
- 4) That the confidential report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated October 24, 2005, be received.**

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**COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE
ADDITIONAL MEMBERS**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That five (5) representatives be added to the Committee as voting members, being one from the separate school board, one from the public school board, one from the York Regional Police, one from the Youth Cabinet and one from the Vaughan Seniors' Association; and**
- 2) That the following report of the City Clerk, dated October 24, 2005, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that direction be provided with respect to the Community Relations Committee recommendation for additional members from the Separate and Public School Boards (one member from each Board), York Regional Police (one member), Vaughan Youth Cabinet (one member) and SAVI (one member).

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact.

Purpose

To add five representatives to the Community Relations Committee, as voting members, one from each of the following: the Separate School Board, the Public School Board, York Regional Police, the Youth Cabinet and the Vaughan Seniors' Association (SAVI) and to request direction with respect to this request for new members.

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Background - Analysis and Options

For the information of Members of Council, the following is an excerpt from the Community Relations Committee meeting of September 28, 2005:

Councillor Yeung Racco advised that she has spoken to Ricky Veerapan from the York Regional Police who has indicated that he is interested in participating on the Committee as an observer.

*MOVED by Devender Singh-Sandhu
Seconded by Councillor Shefman*

That four (4) representatives be added to the Committee as voting members, being one from the separate school board, one from the public school board, one from York Regional Police, and one from the Youth Cabinet.

CARRIED

*MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
Seconded by Jeffrey Stone*

That a member of the Vaughan seniors' association (SAVI) be added to the Committee as a voting member.

CARRIED

If members are added, this quorum increases automatically.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Council is requested to provide direction with respect to this request.

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

Adelina Bellisario,
Assistant City Clerk

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the verbal report of Mayor Di Biase be received.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) by Mayor Di Biase.

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ASIAN LONG HORNED BEETLE LIABILITY

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That the confidential memorandum of the Solicitor/Special Services, dated October 19, 2005, be received; and
- 2) That staff identify all costs associated with the Asian Long Horned Beetle infestation and develop a strategy on the issue.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) by Councillor Bernie Di Vona.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair