# **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

## **REPORT NO. 21 OF THE**

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION)

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 7, 2007

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) met at 9:40 a.m., on April 24, 2007.

Present:

Councillor Tony Carella, Chair Councillor Bernie Di Vona Mayor Linda D. Jackson Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (10:26 a.m.) Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri Regional Councillor Gino Rosati Councillor Alan Shefman Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (10:00 a.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

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## PREPARATION OF NEW VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN <u>FILE #25.1</u>

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated April 24, 2007, be approved;
- 2) That the Official Plan Amendments for the four identified area studies be provided as soon as possible;
- 3) That the Province of Ontario and The Region of York be advised that it is Vaughan Council's preference that the Highway 427 extension be aligned along the hydro corridor to the greatest extent possible;
- 4) That the Yonge Street corridor be included as a separate study, and that staff provide a report with the terms of reference and a budget for the study;
- 5) That the presentation of the Director of Policy Planning/Urban Design and the Senior Planner, Policy Planning and Urban Design, and presentation material submitted entitled, "Towards a New Official Plan for Vaughan" and the Draft Work Plan Schedule, be received; and
- 6) That the written submission of Ms. Rosemarie L. Humphries, Humphries Planning Group Inc., 216 Chrislea Road, Suite 103, Woodbridge, L4L 8S5, dated April 21, 2007, be received.

### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

That the attached Terms of Reference for a comprehensive review and preparation of a new City-wide Official Plan BE APPROVED;

That Staff initiate the process to retain the required consulting services to develop the Official Plan; and

That the 2007 Capital Budget include an allocation of \$750,000 to fund the work associated with the Official Plan process for the year 2007.

2 <u>2007 CITY PAGE ADVERTISING SCHEDULE</u> (Referred from the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 16, 2007)

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated April 16, 2007, be approved; and
- 2) That Option #4 as outlined in the Options for 2007 City Page Advertising Schedule contained in the memorandum of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated April 24, 2007, be approved with the addition of the following publications:
  - a) Tandem, monthly, to a maximum of \$19,200 per year; and
  - b) Lo Specchio, monthly, to a maximum of \$20,040 per year.

#### **Recommendation**

The Committee of the Whole, at its meeting of April 16, 2007, recommended the following:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of April 24, 2007.

Report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications dated April 16, 2007.

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the Director of Corporate Communications, recommends:

- 1. That Council receive for information purposes the 2007 City Page advertising schedule included in this report; and
- 2. That staff fully implement the approved Corporate Advertising Policy to ensure operational and cost efficiencies for all corporate advertising; and

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3. If required, Council direct staff to expand the City Page advertising program to include additional community papers by selecting the appropriate option(s) as outlined in this report and approving the additional funding.

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#### PRESENTATION – MR. TARIQ ASMI, WITH RESPECT TO BETTER ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That the presentation of Mr. Tariq Asmi, Executive Director, GTA 905 Healthcare Alliance, regarding better access to health care for residents of the City of Vaughan, and presentation material submitted entitled, "Better Care Close to Home", be received; and
- 2) That the following resolution be approved:

Whereas local and timely access to health care and social services is essential for building strong, prosperous and healthy communities;

Whereas the City of Vaughan, as part of the GTA/905, is among the fastest growing communities in Ontario and a key community in the Provincial Growth Plan for Ontario;

Whereas existing Provincial funding for health care and social services fails to take into account the need for additional local health and social services in high growth communities across Ontario such as the City of Vaughan and other communities across the GTA/905;

Whereas there is a \$1.5 billion gap in provincial funding for health and social services in the City of Vaughan and the GTA/905 regions compared to the rest of Ontario and the funding gap has grown over the last several years;

Whereas Premier McGuinty's position on the federal funding gap for Ontario and the need for a fairer share of federal transfer payments based on population size is the same situation being faced by the City of Vaughan and other GTA/905 communities in terms of provincial funding for health and social services;

Whereas the Federal Government has now acknowledged the need to distribute federal funds Provinces on a per capita basis and the Province of Ontario is now receiving an additional \$1 billion from the Federal Government to pay for health and social services in Ontario; and

And Whereas York Region residents are now contributing more that \$170 million to the Province of Ontario by way of the health care tax.

Be it resolved that the City of Vaughan ask the Province of Ontario to:

- 1. Approve construction of a hospital in the City of Vaughan to meet the hospital care needs of its residents;
- 2. Provide immediate growth funding to GTA/905 hospitals and health and social services so they can meet the needs of the growing number of residents in their communities;

- 3. Commit to allocating provincial health and social services funding to Local Health Integration Networks (LHIN) and Ontario regions on the basis of population size, growth and characteristics, i.e., population-based funding;
- 4. Develop a health and social services plan for Ontario's high growth regions to help build the "complete communities" envisioned in *Places to Grow*; and

That this resolution be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Health and Long-Term Care and the Minister of Finance.

PRESENTATION - MR. BRYAN TUCKEY, YORK REGION WITH RESPECT TO YORK REGION GROWTH MANAGEMENT

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends that the presentation of Mr. Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services, Regional Municipality of York, regarding York Region Growth Management and material submitted entitled, "2007 Planning for Tomorrow, York Region Growth Management Towards a Sustainable Region" and a booklet entitled "Growth Management Staff Reports Planning and Economic Development Committee, March & April 2007" be received.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Tony Carella, Chair