

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 24, 2009*

The Environment Committee met at 9:40 a.m., on February 3, 2009.

Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair
 Councillor Alan Shefman, Vice-Chair
 Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
 Councillor Tony Carella

The following items were dealt with:

1 PARTICIPATION IN THE ALLIANCE FOR RESILIENT CITIES (ARC)

The Environment Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Economic Development, dated February 3, 2009:

Recommendation

The Director of Economic Development recommends that:

1. This report be received for information purposes.

**2 FINALIZATION OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLAN
TIMELINE LEADING TO COUNCIL APPROVAL AND PROGRAM LAUNCH**

The Environment Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated February 3, 2009:

Recommendation

The City Manager, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, the Manager of Corporate Policy and the Manager of Corporate Communications, recommends that:

1. That the formal public launch of the renamed/rebranded Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan take place on Earth Day – April 22, 2009; and that
2. The draft Communications Plan forming Attachment No. 1 be received for the purpose of obtaining comment and be finalized accordingly.

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**3 UPDATE – COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLAN:
OUTREACH TO SCHOOLS**

The Environment Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clauses 1 and 2 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated February 3, 2009, be approved;
- 2) That the Environment Committee’s participation in this outreach program by receiving select presentations from the students on their “culminating projects”, be approved; and
- 3) That such presentations tentatively be scheduled at a Committee of the Whole meeting in June, subject to further consultation with the school.

Recommendation

The City Manager, in consultation with the Director of Economic Development and the Manager of Corporate Policy recommend:

1. That staff continue to work with Stephen Lewis Secondary School (SLSS) to develop municipally focused classroom resources to support the school’s urban studies/environmental curriculum;
2. That staff be available to present such material to students in a classroom setting;
3. That the Environment Committee provide direction on its participation in this outreach program by receiving select presentations from the students on their “culminating projects” at an Environment Committee meeting; and
4. That, subject to proceeding with 3. above, such presentations tentatively be scheduled for the week of June 1 – 5, 2009 either at a Special Environment Committee meeting or through the rescheduling of the May 26, 2009 meeting to the week of June 1 – 5, 2009, subject to further consultation with the school.

4 FUTURE OF GREENING VAUGHAN COMMITTEE

The Environment Committee recommends that the following motion of the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee, be tabled:

“The Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee recommends:

- 1) That the existing committee be enlarged to include a total of four citizen representatives, be redesignated a subcommittee of the Environment Committee, charged with:
 - a) developing practical strategies for the implementation of future environmental initiatives having a direct impact on the citizens of Vaughan and requiring positive citizen support to ensure the success of such initiatives; and
 - b) acting as an advocate for citizens and/or citizen groups that have suggestions for environmentally positive initiatives they wish to see considered by the city or any other jurisdiction, once such initiatives have been assessed by the subcommittee; and

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- 2) **That the terms of reference of the Greening Vaughan Advisory Committee, as amended and attached, be approved”.**

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Carella.

5 **PRESENTATION – DR. QUENTIN CHIOTTI
WITH RESPECT TO CLIMATE CHANGE IMPACTS AND ADAPTIVE
CAPACITY IN ONTARIO**

The Environment Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the presentation of Dr. Quentin Chiotti, Climate Change Programme Director and Senior Scientist, Pollution Probe, 625 Church Street, Suite 402, Toronto, M2N 1X9, and presentation material, be received; and**
- 2) **That the memorandum from the Economic Developer – Environmental Sector, dated February 3, 2009, be received.**

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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The meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio, Chair