

## THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

### MAYORAL DECISION 004-2026

*Pursuant to Part VI.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended.*

**Whereas**, Section 284.8 of the Municipal Act, 2001 and section 4 of O. Reg 530/22 assigns to the head of council certain powers with respect to committees where all members are council members, specifically the power to establish or dissolve such committees and assign their functions, and to appoint chairs and vice-chairs; and

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan passed a Members Resolution at Committee of the Whole on December 3, 2025 officially welcoming the 2026 JCC Maccabi Games and committing to collaborating with the organizers to ensure the successful delivery of the games; and

**Whereas**, City of Vaughan staff have been actively engaged with the organizers, including showcasing and touring City venues for the Games; and

**Whereas**, the JCC Maccabi Games will bring together over 2,000 Jewish teen athletes from across North America, including local Vaughan youth, to compete in Olympic-style events. Beyond athletic achievement, the Games are a celebration of Jewish identity, reliance and community-building at a time when collective connection is of the utmost importance; and

**Whereas**, the Toronto Prosserman JCC and Vaughan's Schwartz/Reisman Centre, both non-profit organizations, have announced that Toronto will host the 2026 JCC Maccabi Games, with competitions occurring across Vaughan, including at the City of Vaughan Venues from August 2-6, 2026; and

**Whereas**, the Council-approved Vaughan Destination Master Plan identifies the critical importance that both sport and cultural tourism initiatives – like the 2026 JCC Maccabi Games – play in shaping Vaughan's growing tourism market, creating a ripple effect of economic development opportunities, including demand for local hotels, restaurants and shopping venues.

#### **Now therefore, the Mayor decides as follows:**

1. That the City will establish a JCC Maccabi Games Sub-committee to meet beginning January 2026. This Sub-committee will help Council and City staff to coordinate the needed support and logistics with the Games' organizers, ensuring the successful execution of the event.
2. That the JCC Maccabi Games Sub-committee will be Chaired by Ward 5 Councillor Gila Martow and the Vice-Chair will be Ward 4 Councillor Chris Ainsworth.
3. That the JCC Maccabi Games Sub-committee will end after the conclusion of the 2026 Games on August 6, 2026.



Decided February 27, 2026.

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Steven Del Duca  
Mayor