

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 28, 2014**

Item 15, Report No. 1, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 28, 2014.

**15 TELECOMMUNICATION FACILITY SITING PROTOCOL TASK FORCE  
FINDINGS REPORT**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated January 14, 2014:**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force, forwards the following for Council's consideration:

- 1) Recommendation of the December 17, 2013, meeting of the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force:
  1. That the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force Findings and Recommendations Report, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report, be referred to staff for review, and that a report be provided to a future Committee of the Whole meeting; and
  2. That the Findings report form the basis for developing the City of Vaughan's Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

Input from Task Forces assists Council in making complex policy decisions which have broad impacts on the community.

**Economic Impact**

N/A

**Communications Plan**

The City of Vaughan's Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol will be posted on the City's website.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to forward for Council's consideration the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force recommendation of December 17, 2013.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Council, at its meeting of September 27, 2011, approved the establishment of the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force (Item 1, Committee of the Whole Report No.41). The objectives of the Task Force were:

- 1) To conduct a background review of Industry Canada requirements, applicable Provincial and Regional policies, the current City of Vaughan Protocol for Establishing Telecommunication Tower/Antenna Facilities, telecommunication protocols in other municipalities, and legal precedents;

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- 2) To identify, review and analyze issues pertaining to the siting of telecommunication towers and antenna facilities, establish appropriate objectives, and evaluate alternative strategies in developing the new protocol;
- 3) To enable effective and transparent communication among members of the public, ratepayer association representatives, telecommunication industry representatives, the Region of York Medical Officer of Health, local experts in the field, Members of Council, Industry Canada, City Staff, and other stakeholders or agencies; and,
- 4) To make recommendations to Council addressing a Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol, harmonized with Industry Canada, for siting telecommunication facilities within the City of Vaughan.

A comprehensive work plan was developed by the Task Force. City staff attended the Task Force meetings to provide advisory and technical support. The Task Force's deliberations also included consultation and presentations from outside sources such as Industry Canada, Public Health Ontario, Bell Mobility, Region of York Medical Officer of Health, and telecommunication industry professionals.

The Task Force met a total of 14 times during the period from November 2011 to December 2013.

The final Findings and Recommendations Report was approved by the Task Force at its December 17, 2013, meeting and is included as Attachment 1 to this report.

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

This report is in keeping with the provisions of Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:  
Service Excellence – Demonstrates excellence in service delivery.

#### **Regional Implications**

None.

#### **Conclusion**

The City Clerk is forwarding the Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force's recommendation of December 17, 2013, for Council's consideration.

#### **Attachments**

1. Telecommunication Facility Siting Protocol Task Force – Findings and Recommendations Report

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(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.)