

***For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on May 3, 2016***

**REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
PIERRE BERTON TRIBUTE TASK FORCE
FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
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SCOPE OF EXHIBIT

The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force advises Council:

- 1) That the Vision, as previously defined, be confirmed, to read as follows:

The Pierre Berton Discovery Centre will offer visitors an engaging, interactive experience of Canada's national story, driven and inspired by the work of one of Canada's preeminent authors and media pioneers.

From his Kleinburg base, the late Pierre Berton pursued a celebrated career as a bestselling author of more than 50 books, historian, story-teller, journalist, newspaper columnist, interviewer, broadcaster and filmmaker. Berton was an active member of the Kleinburg community for 55 years, as an ardent supporter of local events, an environmentalist and as a champion of Canadian identity.

The Centre will be filled with compelling human stories of our builders, our leaders, our warriors, our newcomers, our founding peoples, our heroes and our villains, plus many of the legendary characters and lesser-known folk who make up Canada's fascinating history.

A permanent exhibit will be dedicated to The Secret World of Og, Berton's beloved children's novel featuring characters inspired by his own children. Young visitors will be able to experience an environment like the underground world of the book.

There will also be a section devoted to the life of Pierre Berton. A vibrant online presence will add to the insights the Centre can provide for all Canadians.

Located in Kleinburg, Ont., the Centre will offer a fascinating experience for adults and school children alike, drawing visitors from all over the Greater Toronto Area and from across the country. It will also have a strong community presence and become a gathering place for the people of the area.

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COMMUNICATION PLAN

The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force recommended that the following recommendation be forwarded to Council for approval:

- 1) That a member of the Corporate Communications Department be requested to attend the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force meetings in order to establish a Communication Plan for this project.

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EXTENSION OF TASK FORCE TERM

The Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force recommended that the following recommendation be forwarded to Council for approval:

- 1) That the Pierre Berton Tribute Task Force be granted an extension to June 2018 to complete and submit its findings report in accordance with its mandate.

The meeting adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair

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