

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 25, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017.

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REVISED EMERGENCY PLAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated April 4, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Manager, as Chair of the Emergency Management Program Committee, recommends:

1. That Council approve the revised Emergency Plan (Attachment 2).

Contribution to Sustainability

The Emergency Plan integrates lessons learned from past emergencies and exercises to establish a framework to efficiently and effectively manage a crisis situation. The Plan enables the City to sustain delivery of critical services to citizens.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact.

Communications Plan

The Emergency Plan is posted on www.vaughan.ca/PrepE and hard copies are available by contacting the Emergency Planning Program. Hard copies of the Plan are distributed to the members of the Emergency Management Team, neighbouring municipalities and Emergency Management Ontario.

Purpose

To provide Members of Council with the revised Emergency Plan that reflects the recommendations made by the Emergency Management Team during exercises.

Background - Analysis and Options

The *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* (RSO 1990) and Regulation 380/04 require that every municipality have an emergency response plan and that the plan is reviewed annually and revised as necessary. The Act requires that the municipality adopt the Emergency Plan by By-Law. The Emergency Management Team in the debriefings after the exercises and through written evaluations identified continuous improvements to enhance the City's Plan and our response capabilities. The following recommendations have been included in the 2017 version of the Plan:

1. Change the structure of the Incident Management System to expand the Operations Infrastructure Section, add the Strategy Section, add new positions and move some positions to other Sections to better align functionality,
2. Update/rename position titles to better reflect role or due to changes at an external agency,
3. Reference to the Ontario Disaster Relief Assistance Program replaced with the new Municipal Disaster Recovery Assistance Program information,
4. Awkward language and grammar corrections made, and
5. Exercise section updated.

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A complete list of revisions is included in Attachment 1.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report is consistent with the Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map priority of continue to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens. This report is consistent with the Service Excellence Strategic Initiative of Operational Performance – Continuous Improvement.

Regional Implications

A copy of the updated Emergency Response Plan will be provided to York Region Emergency Management, York Regional Police, York Region Paramedic Services, and York Region Community and Health Services.

Conclusion

The Emergency Response Plan revisions address the recommendations made by the Emergency Management Team to enhance the City's capacity to manage emergency situations.

Attachments

1. Emergency Plan Revisions Summary
2. Emergency Plan

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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.)