

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2014**

Item 7, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 6, 2014, as follows:

***By approving that consideration of this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 13, 2014.***

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**PARK OPENING CEREMONIES IN 2014**

The Committee of the Whole recommends that the following resolution submitted by Councillor Racco, dated April 29, 2014, be received:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

***Whereas***, there are four parks near completion but still under construction in the City of Vaughan; and

***Whereas***, following the opening of a park for public use, Corporate Events, along with Mayor and Members of Council, host a formal ribbon cutting ceremony; and

***Whereas***, Whereas, the Council Member Expense Policy requires that certain activities be discontinued after June 30 of an election year, unless so directed and approved by Council, including: the distribution of media releases on or behalf of individual Council members including through the use of City of Vaughan media relations; any form of advertising by a Council member, including the general distribution of electronic newsletters; City paid advertising containing the name of a Council member or the Mayor; and

***Whereas***, the Council Member Expense Policy provides that nothing in the policy shall preclude a Council Member from performing his/her job as a Council Member, nor inhibit him/her from representing the interests of the constituents who elected them; and

***Whereas***, in consultation with Parks Development staff it is felt that due to the long winter and current Spring weather conditions and other matters to be resolved with contractors, not all new parks currently under construction will be ready to open officially by June 30;

***Be it therefore resolved that*** the June 30, 2014 deadline set out in the Council Member Expense Policy be extended by one month to July 31, 2014 for the purpose only of accommodating the official opening of parks for which an official opening cannot be arranged by June 30, 2014.

**Attachments**

None