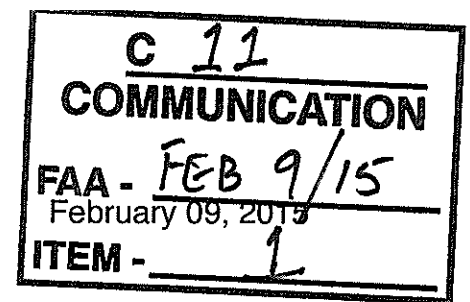


His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council
City of Vaughan



The purpose of this communication is to thank Members of Council, sitting as Committee of the Whole on February 03, 2015, for the courtesy extended to me on my Deputation before Committee in respect of Agenda Item # 17, the Pierre Berton Discovery Centre.

As I believe you are aware I was a Community Member (Kleinburg) of the 2010-2014 Pierre Berton Discovery Centre Fundraising Task Force who are the initiators of the Committee Report that has been submitted on our behalf by Regional Councillor Michael DiBiase .

It is recognized that the Item # 17 was significantly amended at Committee; rewording Recommendation #1; maintaining Recommendation # 2; and, deleting Recommendations #'s 3 through 8.

It is my understanding from the Committee's considerations of the 3rd. that the amendments were made, all on the understanding that Recommendations #'s 3-8 were not required as there had been a specific item to the Pierre Berton Discovery Centre included in the draft 2015 Capital Budget to undertake required code, safety and accessibility renovations to the City owned Kleinburg United Church. The Church is the designated property on which the Pierre Berton Discovery Centre would be situated and that the full extent of the work to be undertaken IS included within the current " Draft 2015 Budget and 2016-2018 Plan (Referred)" being presented at tonight's Finance, Administration and Audit Committee and classified as TABLE 18. NOT CAPITAL FROM TAXATION.

The Kleinberg Community and the Task Force welcomes the initiative taken by the City to bring this long standing arts, cultural and community improvement project to the forefront in 2015 and very strongly supports the development of the Pierre Berton Centre and it's accompany community activity space . With the recent loss of the Kleinburg Golf and Country Club to urban development, a central local activity centre is very much needed in the rapidly developing Kleinburg/Nashville area of the City , and a renovated and upgraded "Pierre Berton Centre" can/will fill this much needed void in our local Community's infrastructure and community service venues.

It is also recognized the major capital funding for the larger scope original project may not be forthcoming anytime in the immediate future; however, the local community is desirous of immediately progressing with the development of the limited scope Discovery Centre within the United Church building envelope and existing grounds; all as described in the Task Force Report that was presented to Committee of the Whole on February 03, 2015.

Thanking you, in advance, for your earnest consideration to the above noted comments as you enter into your deliberations on the 2015 draft Capital Budget that is before you this evening.

With kindest personal regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Scott Somerville".

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