

Britto, John

From: Abrams, Jeffrey
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 4:52 PM
To: 'Richard Lorello'
Cc: Britto, John
Subject: RE: Budget Task Force

Mr. Lorello,

Your correspondence arrived after the commencement of the meeting and I had no opportunity to distribute it. It will be distributed at the next meeting of the Task Force and be part of the public record.

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From: Richard Lorello [<mailto:rlorello@rogers.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 26, 2015 10:12 AM
To: Abrams, Jeffrey
Subject: Fw: Budget Task Force

Mr. Abrams

I neglected to copy you on this communication for today's Budget Task Force meeting. I realize this is late, however I am hoping you can post this for public review under communications

On Tuesday, May 26, 2015 9:56 AM, Richard Lorello <rlorello@rogers.com> wrote:

Mayor and Members of Council

I am writing to you with respect to the new Budget Task Force that has been established. While I welcome this new development to review and look for opportunities to improve Vaughan's fiscal budget, I am also disappointed that the make up of the task force does not include any members of the public on the task force.

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I realize that members of the public can make deputations to the task force but in my view, 5 minute deputations are not the most effective way to engage the public in meaningful 2 way dialogue, especially on a matter as important as Vaughan's fiscal budget.

I would therefore like to recommend that Vaughan consider having a series of round table discussions on various aspects of the budget, where a more constructive 2 way discussion can be accommodated with the public. These round table discussions can/should be focused on specific subjects, such as departmental expense reduction, the budget process itself, revenue generation, outsourcing or business process improvement, etc, just to mentions a few as examples.

The round table could be open to a limited number of interested citizens and business parties that would gather on a regular basis (after working hours) to bring forward ideas for further discussion and/or further review. Round table discussions would allow council to accept and review ideas from members of the public of various disciplines. These discussions can incorporate ways to examine best practices and to innovate.

While the concept of innovation can yield many rewards, not every innovation is successful and can fail. However, I am of the firm belief that without failure we cannot hope to innovate.

I look forward to exploring this and other ideas with any member of council.

Sincerely
Richard T. Lorello