

Subject: FW: Notice - Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) - June 17, 2014 - !

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Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2014 6:22 PM

To: Policyplanning; Iacobelli, Tony; Iafrate, Marilyn; Di Biase, Michael; Schulte, Deb

Cc: David Brand

Subject: Re: Notice - Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) - June 17, 2014 - Natural Heritage Network (VOP 2010)

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To Council Members,

As a Kleinburg resident, I have been following the progress of the Natural Heritage Network Study with strong interest. Last autumn I participated in the Community Forum at Vaughan City Hall, and more recently I attended the Open House and information session also at City Hall this spring.

I am concerned about the scarcity of remaining natural features such as valleylands, wetlands and woodlands in my local municipality, and I very much wish that as a community we would protect, conserve and restore what remains of this heritage for now and for future generations.

As an avid hiker and outdoorsperson, these natural heritage features provide much enjoyment for my recreational activities. Beyond the aesthetic and recreational values they provide for me personally, these natural features are essential for maintaining a healthy environment for our community. Without a healthy natural environment, we will not be able to sustain a healthy social environment.

I recognize that there must be some ongoing economic development of our land and resources to provide for our livelihood and prosperity, but at this point in Vaughan's history I believe that we must take steps to ensure that the small proportion of our land base still remaining in a natural state and the basic natural services it provides (clean air, protection from floods, heat reduction, and so on) are protected forever.

While regretfully I will not be attending the Public Hearing scheduled for this evening, I wish to urge Vaughan Council Members to adopt the Natural Heritage Network Study on behalf of myself and all other citizens so that we can move forward to protect what remains of our irreplaceable Natural Heritage.

Sincerely, Mark van Stempvoort
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Date: Mon, 26 May 2014 16:41:26 -0400

From: policyplanning@vaughan.ca

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CC:

NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting to receive comment on the Natural Heritage Network Study and on the resulting amendments proposed to the policies of Chapter 3 (Environment) and Schedule 2 (Natural Heritage Network) of the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 will be held on:

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING)

June 17, 2014 at 7:00 pm

at

**VAUGHAN CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBER
2141 MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE, VAUGHAN, ONTARIO, L6A 1S1**

PROPERTY:

The Natural Heritage Network was conducted on a City-wide basis.

STUDY:

The City of Vaughan Official Plan (VOP 2010), adopted by Council in September 2010, designates a Natural Heritage Network (NHN) which is composed of Core Features, Enhancement Areas, Built-Up Valley Lands, and lands in the Greenbelt Plan and Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Plan. Core Features include significant natural features such as valleylands, wetlands and woodlands. Enhancement Areas of the NHN are described in policy and identify possible restoration areas for potential inclusion as Core Features based on appropriate detailed studies. The Natural Heritage Network Study is aimed at protecting and conserving such resources in the City and providing for any necessary changes to the VOP 2010.

The purpose of this Public Hearing meeting is to receive comment on the findings of the NHN Study, including:

- Criteria defining Core Features and Enhancement Areas of the NHN; and
- Recommended amendments to select policies of Chapter 3 (Environment) and Schedule 2 of the VOP 2010.

PROPONENT:

The City-wide Natural Heritage Network Study and the proposed amendments to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 are initiatives of the City of Vaughan.

FILE NUMBER(S): 25.5.4

CONTACT:

Additional information may be obtained from Tony Iacobelli of the Planning Department at 905-832-8585, Extension 8630. Comments may also be mailed to the Planning Department at the address above, or faxed to (905) 832-8545, or e-mailed to tony.iacobelli@vaughan.ca prior to the meeting (please quote file name and number). Comments provided at the Public Hearing or in writing thereafter, will be considered prior to the Natural Heritage Network Study document being finalized and approved.

A copy of the staff report and attachments will be made available to the public through the Office of the City Clerk after 4:30 p.m. on June 12, 2014 at the following website:
http://www.vaughan.ca/council/minutes_agendas/Pages/default.aspx. A copy of the draft Natural Heritage Network Study document will be available by May 29, 2014 at
<http://www.vaughan.ca/NaturalHeritageNetwork>.

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JOHN MACKENZIE, Commissioner of Planning
JEFFREY A. ABRAMS, City Clerk

NOTE

Official Plan (O. Reg. 543/06)

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Vaughan before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of The City of Vaughan or The Regional Municipality of York, as the case may be, to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Vaughan before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

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