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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 20, 2015

Title: GREENBELT PLAN REVIEW

Submitted by: Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

Whereas the City of Vaughan's population is expected to grow significantly by 2031; and

Whereas the cost of real estate in the Greater Toronto Area is increasing at a level that is prohibitive for young families, new Canadians and single working individual; and

Whereas there is a significant need for housing that is affordable for families and residents in the City of Vaughan; and

Whereas prohibitive land use considerations reflected in The Places to Grow Act, The Greenbelt Act, The Oak Ridges Moraine Conservation Act ("Legislation") restrict the long term supply of land available for housing and business needs of the City of Vaughan; and

Whereas the Government of Ontario ("Province") is conducting a review of the Legislation;

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the City of Vaughan request that the Province consider the above recitals, and
2. That the Province provide the City of Vaughan with as much flexibility in the Legislation as possible, while also recognizing the value and importance of environmental policies in the plans, in order to avoid the market phenomenon where less long term supply creates higher and unaffordable prices for families and residents of or desiring to reside in our City.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

Attachments

1. Communication from Peter Shurman, former MPP of Thornhill, dated August 27, 2015