

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 20, 2015**

Item 21, Report No. 2, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 20, 2015.

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**VAUGHAN INDEX OF WELL-BEING**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Carella, dated January 13, 2015:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Tony Carella

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## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

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