CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015

Item 36, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 21, 2015.

CO-ORDINATED REVIEW OF PROVINCIAL PLANS

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Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco.

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Sandra Yeung Racco Councillor, Ward 4 (Concord/Thornhill North)

Attachments

None