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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	OCTOBER 15, 2013 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Title:	MAYOR'S ADVISORY TASK FORCE ON AN INTEGRATED ENTERTAINMENT AND GAMING COMPLEX
Submitted by:	Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor

Whereas, on May 28, 2103 Council passed a resolution to indicate its willingness to host a world class Cultural and Entertainment District, which will include an Integrated Convention, Trade Centre, Five Star Hotel, and Entertainment Arts Centre, including a gaming complex, and other infrastructure and services consistent with the City's plan to improve the citizens' standard of living and quality of life, with a specific set of terms and conditions that must be satisfied by any potential operator which participates in the Ontario Lottery and Gaming's (OLG) C1 Zone Modernization process; and

Whereas, while the benefits associated with an Integrated Entertainment and Gaming Complex are well documented, it is recognized that there may be quality of life concerns that individuals may have regarding the prospect of an Integrated Cultural and Entertainment District with a Gaming Complex in the City of Vaughan; and

Whereas, the OLG's Request For Proposal Qualification (RFPQ) process for the C1 Zone will commence in 2013, as per correspondence from the Minister of Finance; and

Whereas, the Council Code of Ethical Conduct for Members of Council and the Vaughan Accord provide a framework for governance that establishes Council's highest objective as the making of the best decision in the public interest, based on informed discussion and debate; and

Whereas, concerns have been voiced about the establishment of a gaming complex in Vaughan, however, Council has not reviewed any proposal upon which to determine whether such concerns apply to any gaming complex that may be established in Vaughan or whether there are means to by which such perceived concerns may be addressed; and

Whereas, in expressing its interest in becoming a willing host, Council set out extensive terms and preconditions, including that a Task Force be created;

It is therefore recommended:

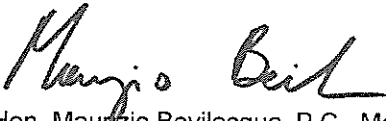
1. That the Mayor's Advisory Task Force on an Integrated Entertainment and Gaming Complex in the City of Vaughan be formed; and

2. That the Task Force be comprised of community leaders who represent a wide range of constituencies and who are mandated to work as an advisory body to Council to assure that the economic, social and quality of life interests of Vaughan are protected or enhanced and that all impacts resulting from the potential development of an Integrated Entertainment and Gaming Complex in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre are recognized; and

3. That the Task Force be supported by the Office of the City Manager and the City Clerk's Office; and

- 4. That any detrimental effects that may be identified by the Task Force be accompanied by any potential recommended mitigation; and*
- 5. That the Task Force review all proponent proposals during the OLG's RFPQ process; and,*
- 6. That the Task Force also hold a minimum of three evening meetings for public participation in order to provide the Mayor and Council with a comprehensive report on "matters of local concern"; and*
- 7. That the Task Force be included in every step of the process for the development of an Integrated Entertainment and Gaming Complex and that the final report be received from the Task Force no later than September 2014.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C., Mayor

Attachments

Letter dated October 8, 2013 from Hon. Charles Sousa, Minister of Finance



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October 8, 2013

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
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Dear Mayor Bevilacqua:

I am writing to thank you for your continued participation in the process to consider a gaming entertainment centre in the City of Vaughan.

As you know, OLG is currently conducting a fair and competitive procurement process to select service providers to run the day-to-day operations of gaming sites as well to build five new sites across Ontario.

The modernization of OLG is a substantial and complex transformation requiring significant due diligence. It involves many stakeholders including multiple levels of government, employees and vendors. Modernization is a five-year plan that will be fully implemented in 2017-18.

The procurement process is now in the Requests for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) stage to determine the skills and abilities of potential service providers. Right now, the procurement process is underway in 15 of the 29 gaming zones.

OLG expects to release the majority of the remaining RFPQs before the end of the year including the C1 zone that includes Vaughan. The RFPQ will advise proponents that Vaughan has expressed interest in hosting a new gaming entertainment centre. Once the RFPQ process is complete, OLG will launch the Request for Proposal process to select service providers.

I hope this letter helps to assure you that we are proceeding steadily. Please be in touch if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Charles Sousa", written over a horizontal line.

Charles Sousa
Minister of Finance