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**By E-Mail**

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council  
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Communication
CW: <u>Nov 26/13</u>
Item: <u>33</u>

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

**Re: Item 33, Committee of the Whole November 26, 2013, Report No. 52:  
Resolution for the development of a City of Vaughan Arts Design and Cultural  
Campus**

I am the Corporate Secretary for the Vaughan Arts Centre of Excellence ("VACE"), a Not-for-Profit organization dedicated to the advancement of the Arts in Vaughan. I write in support of the above-noted resolution, which I understand will be considered by Committee of the Whole tomorrow. Please accept this letter as VACE's support for the resolution which asks Council to investigate the possibility of an Arts, Design and Cultural Campus in Vaughan.

VACE has been working toward bringing such a campus to Vaughan for over 2 years and we are thrilled with the possibility that Vaughan Council may now champion this cause. Vaughan is in desperate need of an arts facility and lags behind other communities of our size and importance in that respect. Given that the VMC is now developing as our primary area of intensification, the timing could not be better for Council to get behind this initiative. This resolution will allow Vaughan to take a giant step forward in its promotion of the arts.

There is no question that there is a demand for such a facility. Our discussions with our future potential partners bears this out. There is great enthusiasm from groups such as OCAD and The Royal Conservatory of Music and others for us to advance this initiative. We




believe we can, together, make Vaughan a northern satellite for many of these groups. We hope Council will agree with this vision.

I urge Council to adopt Councillor Yeung Racco's Resolution.

Should you have any questions with respect to the foregoing, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

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cc VACE Chair and Board of Directors