

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 10, 2013**

Item 3, Report No. 6, of the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 10, 2013.

#### **3 VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE – URBAN AND SUBURBAN SCHOOL SITE DESIGN FILE 15.117 WARDS 1-5**

**The Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the City of Vaughan request the Province of Ontario to host a stakeholders workshop with municipalities, government agencies, school boards, owners, BILD and Vaughan Public Libraries, to assist, facilitate and explore solutions to the urban school challenge; and**
- 2) That the report of the City Clerk on behalf of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Sub-Committee, dated November 25, 2013, be received.**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk, on behalf of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Sub-Committee, forwards the following recommendation from its meeting of November 13, 2013:

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#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) Sub-committee provides recommendations to Council to create the municipal framework and policy environment which will facilitate significant development of the VMC.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no economic impact resulting from this report.

#### **Communications Plan**

All stakeholders including the Region of York, York Region District School Board, York Catholic District School Board, VMC owners and the Province were notified of the report being on the agenda of the November 13, 2013, VMC Sub-Committee of Council meeting.

#### **Purpose**

The VMC Sub-committee had before it a report from the Commissioner of Planning recommending:

1. THAT the draft report entitled "School Site Planning Workshop, City of Vaughan" Be Received;
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3. THAT City staff continue to work toward the development of an Urban School prototype with a Public Sector stakeholder group, including but not limited to, York Region District School Board, Catholic District School Board, Region of York and the Province respecting the development of urban schools.

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#### **Background – Analysis and Options**

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#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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#### **Regional Implications**

The Region of York would be one of the stakeholders involved in a workshop on urban schools.

#### **Conclusion**

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#### **Attachments**

N/A

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John Britto, Assistant City Clerk

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