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Mr. Chair; (Tony Carella), Mr Mayor, Members of council.

My name is Paula Curtis, President & CEO of the Vaughan Chamber of commerce.

The mission of the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce, a non-profit member driven organization that represents over 725 businesses, is to promote and support business success in Vaughan.

The Chamber has conducted a preliminary review of the City Staff Report on the potential Entertainment and Gaming Complex proposed for the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. It is quite clear that this proposed development would have a significant impact on the economic development initiatives within our community.

However, the Chamber has only begun our evaluation of all aspects of this proposed development.

If City Council decides to take further steps to bring such a complex to Vaughan, the leadership of the Chamber will continue it's own research and develop our assessment of this proposed development project for an Entertainment and Gaming Complex, membership we will also engage our membership in a discussion to both inform them further on this project and to collect their input, before we formulate our final recommendations.

The Vaughan Chamber wants to continue to work closely with the City of Vaughan on initiatives that will lead to the creation of new employment opportunities and grow the demand for the purchase of local goods and services.

So, to that end, if Council decides to pursue this Entertainment & Gaming Complex; the Chamber will work closely with the City of Vaughan to ensure that the Vaughan business community is informed, engaged and positioned to achieve the business benefits of a project of this scope.

Thank you

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