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City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Road
Vaughan ON, L6A 1T1

To the Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC, and Members of Vaughan City Council,

I am writing this letter as a show of support for the proposed Vaughan International Commercialization Centre (VICC).

By way of introduction, I lead an organization named Startup York, and our purpose is to work with other organizations in York Region to evolve an ecosystem that fosters and develops startup companies. We are not-for-profit and made up of volunteers. Our membership community includes roughly 100 startup and established entrepreneurs from York Region.

We have been briefed by the City of Vaughan Economic Development Department on the VICC concept, and we believe it will provide access to diverse commercialization capabilities with both local and international partners. In addition, exposing the Region to new commercial and technology ideas and practices will in turn help local entrepreneurs (startup and established) find new innovations for their own businesses.

With the VICC, Vaughan will enhance its position as a focal point between local and targeted international markets, which will help local entrepreneurs and attract new ones from outside of Canada. We support this concept and wish to partner with the VICC.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Lucas Chang
Startup York