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The Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC and Members of Vaughan City Council  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Road  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua:

**Re: Letter of Support - Vaughan International Commercialization Centre (VICC)**


Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) staff has been briefed by the City of Vaughan Economic Development Department on its Vaughan International Commercialization Centre (VICC) concept. TRCA supports the concept and wishes to partner on the VICC.

TRCA believes the VICC will provide access to diverse commercialization capabilities with local and international partners. The VICC will be significant in driving Vaughan's economic growth through technological innovation, utilizing the region's expertise to access local, national and international markets. With the VICC, Vaughan will be positioned as a focal point between local and targeted international markets, supporting commercialization and functioning as a vibrant attractor of domestic and multinational business activity. The VICC will complement and enhance TRCA's BRE Innovation Park @ The Living City Campus project, which will target the commercialization of Canadian products in the sustainable construction sector.

The VICC is well aligned with TRCA's strategic directions to build The Living City, which includes greening the Toronto region's economy, building partnerships and new business models, and accelerating innovation. The VICC will serve as a world-class facility that will benefit the Canadian economy. The development of the VICC will elevate the profile of Vaughan and the GTA both nationally and internationally.

TRCA looks forward to working with the City of Vaughan on this exciting initiative.

Sincerely,

  
Brian Denney, P.Eng.  
Chief Executive Officer