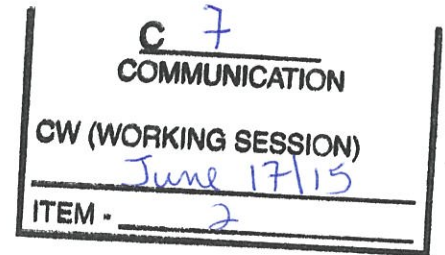




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June 12, 2015

His Worship the Honourable Mr. Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC
and Members of Vaughan City Council
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON
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Dear Mr. Bevilacqua and Members of Vaughan City Council:

Re: Vaughan International Commercialization Centre (VICC) initiative

This letter is to express the Region of York's support for the City of Vaughan's efforts to foster innovation within its local economy. The Region of York believes in advancing the prosperity of the Region through a range of innovation initiatives that meet the needs of local companies and connect them to global markets.

The Region's Strategic Plan 2015-2019, approved by Regional Council in February, 2015, outlines a strategic objective of focusing on networks and systems that connect people, goods and services. The Regional Council approved - Economic Development Action Plan includes as a Goal the development of the innovation network, connecting business to opportunities. We recognize the VICC proposal as a step that can strengthen the network and connections both within and beyond the Region.

We look forward to assisting the City of Vaughan in your efforts to develop your innovation assets.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "DL" or similar initials, written over a light blue horizontal line.

Doug Lindeblom
Director of Economic Strategy

Cc: Valerie Shuttleworth, Chief Planner – Planning and Economic Development