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DATE: January 17, 2019
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Todd Coles
 City Clerk
RE: Committee of the Whole Meeting
 January 22, 2019
 Report No. 5, Item 7
**APPOINTMENTS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND VAUGHAN
 PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD – 2018-2022 TERM OF OFFICE
 (Older Adult Task Force)**

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Purpose

To provide the Older Adult Task Force Terms of Reference for consideration and request approval to commence recruitment for appointments.

Recommendations

1. That the Older Adult Task Force Terms of Reference, attached hereto as Attachment 1, be approved; and
2. That the recruitment process for members for appointment to the Older Adult Task Force be commenced.

Background

Council, at its meeting of December 12, 2018, approved that the Older Adult Task Force be re-established, the Terms of Reference be submitted to the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 22, 2019 for approval, and subsequently the recruitment process be commenced. Accordingly, for Council consideration are the Terms of Reference and the request to begin the recruitment process.

Todd Coles
City Clerk

Attachments: 1. Terms of Reference
 2. Council Extract, Report No. 29, Item 2, December 12, 2018

TERMS OF REFERENCE City of Vaughan Older Adult Task Force

Mandate / Objectives

Mandate

The City of Vaughan Older Adult Task Force has an overall mandate to make recommendations that address older adult issues and the promotion of healthy seniors in Vaughan. This includes recommendations on Vaughan's Older Adult Strategy, programs and services and steps towards an age-friendly community designation.

Objectives

In general terms, the purpose of an age-friendly community designation is to align policies, services and built infrastructure, (e.g. available housing, walkable and accessible public areas, local social services and programs) to help seniors age actively, age in place, live safely, be engaged and enjoy good health.

To this end, the Task Force shall develop recommendations, through community engagement and stakeholder engagement, on the following key objectives:

1. Identify issues related to barriers to services and programs faced by older adults and recommend possible solutions including exploring the concept of older adult multi-service centres/community hubs in partnership with community service organizations and/or other levels of government.
2. Identify opportunities to leverage partnerships with relevant parties, including York Region, other local municipalities, senior serving organizations, other levels of government and the non-profit sector, to:
 - i. Achieve objectives of the Vaughan Older Adult Strategy.
 - ii. Contribute to areas of common interest aligned with the results identified in the York Region Seniors Strategy.
 - iii. Move Vaughan towards an age-friendly community designation.
3. Identify opportunities to educate and improve the quality of life for older adults, and to promote programs, resources, initiatives and policies that allow people to age in place.
4. Identify and make recommendations related to gaps in older adult programs and services in Vaughan.

Term

The Older Adult Task Force shall submit its findings and recommendations for review prior to June 30, 2022.

Membership

1. The Task Force membership shall be composed of the following:

- a) A maximum of three (3) Council members
 - b) A maximum six (6) citizen members who are part of the older adult population or have significant insight/experience with the Vaughan older adult community.
 - c) A minimum of one (1) member representing an organization or service provider serving older adults.
2. The Task Force shall appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair.
3. Members are to be appointed by Council. Any changes to the membership will require Council approval.

Meeting Procedures

1. The proceedings of the Task Force are to be governed by the City's Procedural By-law.

Agendas and Reporting

1. Agendas shall be prepared by the City Clerk's Office in consultation with the Task Force Chair.
2. Agendas shall be posted on the City's web site one week prior to the scheduled date of meeting, or as soon as practicable.
3. After each meeting of the Task Force, the City Clerk shall submit a report in the City's committee report format to the Committee of the Whole.

Meetings

Meeting dates will be determined at the first meeting of the Task Force. The committee may meet on the schedule determined, or at the call of the Chair.

1. Meetings will be held every other month or as needed throughout the course of the year, except for July and August where no meetings will be scheduled.
2. The Chair of the Task Force may call special meetings.
3. All regular meetings will be held at Vaughan City Hall located at 2141 Major Mackenzie, Vaughan.
4. Meetings are to be open to the public in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001.

Notice of Meetings

1. Meetings will be noted on the Schedule of Meetings calendar posted on the City's website.

Quorum

1. A majority of members, including the Chair, shall constitute quorum.

Staff Resources

The role of staff is to act as a resource to the Task Force, but not to be members of the Task Force, or to deliberate or draft the findings of the Task Force. The following staff will provide advisory and technical support specific to the mandate and objectives of the Task Force:

Vaughan City Staff

- Staff having expertise in the areas of policy and/or development planning, transportation, emergency services, and recreation.
- The City Clerk's Office will be responsible for agenda and report production and distribution, the giving of procedural advice, the recording of the proceedings of the Task Force and distribution of reports.

York Region Staff

The role of staff is to act as a resource to support the mandate and objectives of the Task Force by:

- Bringing York Region's perspective to the table
- Informing the agenda
- Sharing data, information and technical advice
- Making connections to the York Region Seniors Strategy
- Consulting and coordinating internally at the Region on Task Force agenda items

The following Regional staff will participate in the Task Force as a resource:

- York Region Staff (1) from the Community and Health Services Department, Seniors Strategy Project Team

Provincial and Federal Staff

Provincial and Federal staff will act as a resource to support the mandate and objectives of the Task Force by bringing their perspective to the Task Force and sharing information.

Vaughan Public Library

Vaughan Public Library staff will support the mandate and objectives of the Task Force by bringing their perspective to the Task Force and sharing information.

Authority

The Task Force may not exercise decision-making powers, or commit expenditures save for those specifically delegated by Council. Any request for expenditures determined by the Task Force for the sole purpose of conducting the business or work of the Task Force shall be forwarded to Council for consideration and approval.

The Task Force may not direct staff to undertake activities without authority from Council.

Amendment / Expansion of Terms of Reference

Only Council can initiate any amendment and/or expansion of the Terms of Reference.

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CITY OF VAUGHAN**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2018**

Item 2, Report No. 29, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 12, 2018.

2. UPDATE ON THE RECRUITMENT OF CITIZEN MEMBERS TO STATUTORY COMMITTEES AND BOARD FOR THE 2018-2022 TERM AND REQUEST FOR DIRECTION WITH RESPECT TO THE OLDER ADULT TASK FORCE

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That Recommendation 1 contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, dated December 5, 2018, be approved;
- 2) That the Older Adult Task Force be re-established;
- 3) That the recruitment process for new members be commenced following the submission of the updated Older Adult Task Force Terms of Reference to the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 22, 2019;
- 4) That the deputation by Mr. Gerry O'Connor, Senior Focus Vaughan, Pennycross Court, Woodbridge, be received; and
- 5) That Communication C5 from Mr. Fred Winegust, Tangreen Circle, Thornhill, dated November 21, 2018, be received.

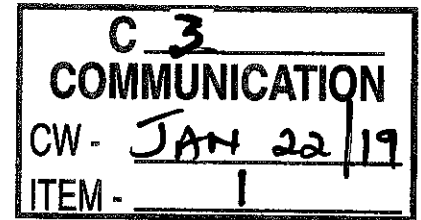
Recommendations

1. That a report be provided in January 2019 with applicants for consideration for appointment to Statutory Committees and Board;
2. That direction be provided with respect to re-establishing the Older Adult Task Force; and
3. That, should Council approve the re-establishment of the Older Adult Task Force:
 - i. That direction be provided with respect to re-establishing the Task Force with the former membership or to commence the recruitment process for new members; and
 - ii. That updated Terms of Reference for the Task Force be provided to the Committee of the Whole meeting of January 22, 2019.

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January 22, 2019

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Dear: The Honourable Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua and Members of Council

**Re: Gemini Urban Design (W) Corp.
Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment and Draft Plan
of Subdivision Applications
City File Nos.: OP.16.007/OP.17.011, Z.16.019/Z.17.031 & 19T-
16V004/19T-17V011
6061 & 6079 Rutherford Road and 134 & 140 Simmons Street**

This letter has been prepared on behalf of our client, Di Benedetto Group Inc. (the "owner"), who is the registered owner of the lands municipally known as 10, 20 & 25 Di Benedetto Lane and 110 Simmons Street (together the "Di Benedetto Lands"), being the lands located immediately south of the lands owned by the Applicant Gemini Urban Design (W) Corp. ("Gemini").

Development applications were submitted for the Di Benedetto lands by Humphries Planning Group Inc. in September, 2018 (OP.18.019, Z.18.031, 19T-18V012 and 19CDM-18V004), seeking to facilitate the development of the Di Benedetto Lands for medium density residential uses, consistent with the Gemini proposal. We also understand that Gemini has submitted development applications for 88 Simmons Street (OP.18.020, Z.18.32 and 19T-18V013), being the parcel immediately to the south of the Di Benedetto lands, again seeking to permit medium density residential uses ("Gemini Phase 2").

Following our review of the staff report recommending approval of applications OP.16.007/OP.17.011, Z.16.019/Z.17.031 and 19T-16V004/19T-17V011 ("Gemini Phase 1"), we wish to note our concern with any approval being granted, until such

time as the following matters have been addressed: **Parkland Dedication, Multi-use Recreational Pathway Location and Design, Servicing and Access Easements and Sanitary Servicing Capacity**. Specific concerns relating to these matters are outlined below.

Parkland Dedication

With respect to the dedication of parkland for the subject applications, Planning staff notes in their comments (page 29) that Gemini shall provide cash-in-lieu of the dedication of parkland in accordance with the *Planning Act* and the City's Cash-in-lieu of Parkland Policy. Notwithstanding this, comments from the City's Parks Development Department ("Parks") (pages 29-30) state that Parks staff will review the lands to the immediate south of the Gemini lands to determine if a Park block located off of Simmons Street and central to the existing neighbourhood can be accommodated; suggesting that the construction of a public park is preferred.

Notwithstanding this, it is our opinion that a public park for the Simmons Street neighbourhood is not required. Between the Gemini Phase 1 and Di Benedetto developments, all units have generally been proposed with 7.5 m (24.6 ft) rear yards. This private amenity space in conjunction with the proposed district park (Block 59) and community area (Block 60 East), will provide a sufficient combination of public and private amenity space to serve the residents. Public sidewalks on Simmons Street and the requested multi-use recreational trail through the developments will facilitate safe and efficient pedestrian connectivity to the public parkland, at such time as it is developed.

If, however, a public park on Simmons Street is deemed necessary, we have significant concerns with the approach taken by staff with respect to how physical parkland may be acquired. Specifically, as noted above, staff have suggested that cash-in-lieu of parkland be provided for Gemini Phase 1, with the potential acquisition of parkland deferred to the Di Benedetto and Gemini Phase 2 developments. Given that both land owners (Gemini and Di Benedetto) have applications submitted, the potential location for a public park should be examined holistically, across the three development sites. This is of particular importance when considering that the Gemini Phase 1 development takes up over 50% of the land area covered by the three developments (3.44 ha of 5.98 ha) and represents more than 50% of the dwelling units proposed (111 of 216 units). As such, it is our opinion that should a park be deemed necessary, then a proportionate share of physical parkland should be provided by Gemini as part of their Phase 1 approval, rather than deferring the dedication of physical parkland as part of the Di Benedetto and Gemini Phase 2 approvals.

Further to the above, if a public park is deemed necessary, the achievable size and location of the park should be considered. If the City proceeds with taking cash-in-

lieu of parkland for Gemini Phase 1, it would leave approximately 2.54 ha (6.28 ac) of area between the Di Benedetto and Gemini Phase 2 developments. With the two developments proposing 105 units combined, at a rate of 1 ha per 300 units, it would generate **0.35 ha (0.86 ac) of parkland**, which would be considered appropriate as a Public Square, under the City's Active Together Master Plan. If, however the City were to pursue the dedication of parkland across the three developments, proposing 216 units combined, at a rate of 1 ha per 300 units, it would generate **0.72 ha (1.78 ac) of parkland**, which would be just under the threshold to be considered as a Neighbourhood Park (0.75 ha).

Multi-Use Recreational Pathway

Relating to the above discussion, we have similar concerns with the comments provided by Parks staff pertaining to the multi-use recreational pathway. It is stated on Page 28 that connection from the Gemini lands to Regional Road 27 via Rutherford Road through a multi-use recreational pathway will be required. Further comments state that Parks staff will consider opportunities for future connections to the future district park in Block 59 and/or the future community area in Block 60 East. While we have no objection to the principle of a such a pathway network, we have concern that neither the Draft Plan of Subdivision, nor the Site Plan submitted by Gemini show the pathway network across their lands. Much like the parkland matter discussed above, it is our opinion that the location and size of the pathway should be determined now and identified as a block on the Draft Plan of Subdivision, with more finite details (i.e. design, materials etc.) dealt with as part of the Development Approval process.

In order to protect for the provision of parkland and the multi-use recreational pathway, we would request that the Conditions of Draft approval be modified to include the following condition:

"Prior to final approval, Parks Development staff, the Owner and the adjacent land owners will review the subject lands and the lands to the south, to determine if a Park block located off of Simmons Street, and a multi-use recreational pathway providing connection to Rutherford Road can be accommodated. Should a Park and/or multi-use recreational pathway be deemed to be necessary, the Draft Plan of Subdivision shall be revised accordingly."

Easements

As part of the Conditions of Draft Approval issued by the City of Vaughan, and appended to the staff report, there does not appear to be any requirement for Gemini to provide easements for servicing and/or access to abutting land owners. In order to ensure that the abutting lands can be adequately serviced and in order to allow for the most efficient movement of vehicles and pedestrians we would request that the

Conditions of Draft Approval be modified to include the condition below, with the understanding that a similar condition would be required as part of the approval of the Di Benedetto applications:

"The owner shall agree in the subdivision agreement to provide easements for the purpose of servicing and access to adjoining land owners, free of cost and encumbrances, to the satisfaction to the City of Vaughan."

Sanitary Servicing Capacity

Lastly, as noted in the staff report, Gemini has undertaken an analysis of the downstream sewers to determine if there is sufficient capacity for the development. We would request that staff and/or Gemini provide clarification on this analysis to ensure that it takes into consideration the potential re-development of the Simmons Street area, and not just the Gemini Phase 1 development.

Based on the above discussion, we would request that Committee of the Whole defer approval of the Gemini Phase 1 to the Council meeting scheduled for January 29, 2019, to allow time for a meeting between City staff, Gemini and Di Benedetto to be scheduled to address the issues as set out herein.

Yours very truly,

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