



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1)  
ADDENDUM AGENDA**

**(NOTE: ADDENDUMS WILL REQUIRE A TWO-THIRDS VOTE OF THE MEMBERS  
PRESENT TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA)**

**This is an Electronic Meeting. The Council Chamber will not be open to the public. Public comments can be submitted by email to [clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca). For deputations, please register by contacting Access Vaughan at 905-832-2281 or [clerks@vaughan.ca](mailto:clerks@vaughan.ca)**

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

2:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

2nd Floor, Vaughan City Hall

2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

Vaughan, Ontario

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**MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

<b>Meeting/Date</b>	<b>COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (1) – JUNE 9. 2020</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING NATURAL WILDLIFE</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Ward 5 City Councillor Alan Shefman</b>

***Whereas,** the City of Vaughan is aware of reports of coyotes in Thornhill and is taking action to address this situation. The City understands that some people in the community are intimidated by the presence of these animals on local streets;*

***Whereas,** the City continues to intensify its activities to do everything possible in line with best industry standards to deal with this wildlife issue;*

***Whereas,** the activities of the City are supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, which guides the City's actions related to wildlife as defined by the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act;*

***Whereas,** the City is committed to ensuring local streets, properties and neighbourhoods are unpleasant to coyotes;*

***Whereas,** the City's prime focus is to create an environment that is uninviting to coyotes, encouraging them to exhibit more innate behaviours – including avoiding people – and retreating to more natural areas that people frequent less often;*

***Whereas,** the possibility of relocating these animals is a potential strategy. While trapping and relocating is allowed under current provincial legislation, it has been determined that relocation is not an effective option as the animals can only be removed to a short distance of 1 kilometer from where they are captured as prescribed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Coyotes will return to their home territory in a short period of time if displaced. Additionally, removal of coyotes often has the opposite of the intended effect and actually results in an increase in the coyote populations and expansion of their territories;*

***Whereas,** trapping in urban areas, is a safety hazard for the community posing a danger for household pets, other wildlife and people. Trapping is generally contraindicated in residential areas for these reasons;*

***Whereas,** there are coyote populations in all municipalities bordering Vaughan as well as natural areas such as in the Don River valley area east of Dufferin Street which is a natural habitat for these animals, making any consideration of eradication of the coyote population unrealistic and ineffective;*

***Whereas,** there are a variety of activities that the City is currently pursuing to create a less attractive environment for coyotes, including, with the cooperation of local residents, attempting to limit sources of food – including our garbage – that attract them and working with York Region Transit to ensure trash cans at bus stops are cleared on a more frequent basis. As well the City is urging residents to only put their waste out on their collection day, rather than leaving it on the street overnight;*

**Whereas**, the City has also initiated a collaboration with Coyote Watch Canada – experts in this field – which has assigned a Canid Response and Outreach Team Representative to conduct an assessment in Thornhill with Vaughan Animal Services to advance our coyote strategy. We believe their assistance will result in intensifying our current efforts;

**Whereas**, we continue to liaise with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on the application of the Provincial legislation;

**Whereas**, the City By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services department has entered into discussions with the University of Toronto Biology and Urban Studies Faculties to explore the possibility of partnering to conduct a data based and scientific analysis of coyotes in Vaughan;

**Whereas**, residents have an important role to play by making changes that will result in a less attractive environment for coyotes including:

- Removing food sources such as household garbage and bird feeders that attract rodents and vermin – which coyotes search for to eat.
- Placing waste out only on the collection day.
- Properly disposing of pet waste.
- Not feeding wildlife.
- Supervising pets – they should not be left unattended in the yard and dogs should be on a leash when on a walk.
- Carrying a bell, whistle or other noisemaker to contribute to hazing efforts, when on a walk in the neighbourhood. Make noise and then back away if a coyote is spotted – do not run.

**Whereas**, Vaughan Animal Services has continued to intensify its patrols in the affected area of Thornhill where coyote activity has taken place;

**Whereas**, Vaughan Animal Services is on call 24/7 to respond to residents concerns relating to the an imminent threat or emergencies involving coyotes in the Thornhill area;

**Whereas**, it is important for the public to remember that coyote sightings in urban residential areas is common and should not be cause for alarm. However, if a coyote poses an immediate threat or danger to public safety, people are advised to call 911 immediately;

**Whereas**, Thornhill Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Gila Martow has, in a media release (June 2, 2020), stated that “The City of Vaughan has been offered the full backing of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to do whatever needs to be done to ensure public safety from coyotes.”

**Whereas**, in fact The Minister confirmed in his letter to the City (May 28, 2020), that the information provided within the letter is to assist the City “in making decisions and/or taking action with respect to protection of property related to coyote conflicts”

Whereas the City’s actions, even with the statements quoted above, must be in compliance with the Provincial wildlife legislation which, for example, restricts removal to only one kilometer from the capture site.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. **That** Vaughan Animal Services immediately hire a staff person on a temporary basis (of up to 24 months) to be assigned to intensifying the City’s strategies relating to coyotes in residential areas.

2. ***That*** the City post signs in the area urging people not to feed and to raise general coyote awareness.
3. ***That*** the City of Vaughan By-law and Compliance Department continue its actions in the affected area to identify inviting conditions for coyotes that may be contributing to this presence. That the Officers observing property standards violations, uncovered garbage/compost, inappropriate food sources, littering in parks, long grass and unsupervised pets – all of which attract coyotes initiate strict enforcement to ensure properties are maintained in a manner that is less inviting to wildlife.
4. ***That*** the City of Vaughan write to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, requesting that the current legislation regarding wildlife be amended by adding a special section pertaining to managing conflicts between residents and wildlife in urban areas.
5. ***That*** it be noted in the request to the Minister the difficulties and dangers of trapping and removal in an urban area.
6. ***That*** the area MPP, Gila Martow be asked to lead the effort to update the legislation including bringing forward a private member's bill as soon as possible.
7. ***That*** the City of Vaughan, recognizing the special relationship that the aboriginal community has with wildlife, reach out to the local Aboriginal community to ask for advice and assistance in dealing with the current coyote issues
8. ***That*** this Council Member's Resolution be circulated to Vaughan's MPPs, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan Shefman,  
Ward 5 City Councillor



**MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

<b>Meeting/Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (1)</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day in the City of Vaughan</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua</b>
<p><b>Whereas</b>, the Government of Canada acknowledges June as National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 as a way to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, our city sits on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe of the Williams Treaty First Nation, the Huron-Wendat and the Métis Nation with a history dating back centuries;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, each Council meeting begins with a land acknowledgement, so we may continue to foster a city with strong social cohesion and a clear sense of its culture and heritage;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, there are strong historical and cultural ties between the City of Vaughan and the Huron-Wendat Nation. The final resting place of many of their ancestors is located within our community and we are honoured to act as guardians to these sacred grounds;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, Vaughan is home to a site containing the remains of Huron-Wendat Nation ancestors, as well as a 500-year old village believed to have once been home to as many as 2,000 Indigenous Peoples, and we continue to demonstrate leadership in safeguarding the sanctity of historically significant sites;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, Indigenous History Month represents an opportunity to demonstrate and pay tribute to the strong Indigenous heritage that exists in our city and across all of Canada;</p> <p>It is therefore recommended that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Mayor proclaim June as Indigenous History Month in Vaughan;</li> <li>2. The Mayor proclaim June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in Vaughan;</li> <li>3. The proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.</li> </ol>	

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua





**MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

<b>Meeting/Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (1)</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>UN World Environment Day in Vaughan</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua</b>
<p><b>Whereas</b>, World Environment Day was first recognized in 1974 by the United Nations to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment, and has subsequently been recognized by more than 100 countries, including Canada;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, the City of Vaughan is dedicated to championing a healthier and greener environment that will continue to elevate the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, in December 2019, Council adopted the new 2019 Green Directions Vaughan, the City's environmental sustainability plan that serves to guide all our city-building efforts toward initiatives that reinforce our commitment to environmental stewardship. This includes goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as enhance stormwater management, water conservation systems and waste reduction;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, Vaughan's commitment to environmental sustainability is woven into every aspect of city-building — from North Maple Regional Park, Vaughan's most ambitious park development with 900-acres of beautiful green space — to Edgeley Pond and Park, one of the city's state-of-the-art initiatives that will be the largest open space in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, the city's emerging downtown;</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, the City of Vaughan remains committed to environmental initiatives that will continue to reduce our carbon footprint as well as strengthen our commitment to the environment, including our annual Earth Hour event, 20-minute Makeover, Community Garden Initiative, Electric Vehicle Workplace Charging Policy and Earth Day, among other initiatives;</p> <p><i>It is therefore recommended that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. The Mayor proclaim June 5 as World Environment Day in Vaughan;</i></li> <li><i>2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.</i></li> </ol>	

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua



**MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

<b>Meeting/Date</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (1)</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Pride Month in the City of Vaughan</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua</b>
<p><b>Whereas,</b> Pride Month is recognized in June to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. The year 2020 marks the 51st anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a backlash to police harassment at a prominent gay bar in New York that is credited with sparking the modern LGBTQ2+ rights movement;</p> <p><b>Whereas,</b> Since 2003, the City of Vaughan has proclaimed Pride Week every year; since 2006, flown the rainbow flag during each Pride Week; and since 2016, has hosted an official flag-raising ceremony;</p> <p><b>Whereas;</b> the City of Vaughan remains committed to celebrating Pride Month by paying tribute to those in our community who have fought to achieve equality and acceptance – and those who continue that effort today;</p> <p><b>Whereas,</b> Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate our vibrant and proud LGBTQ2+ community and the countless contributions and progress made towards building a more inclusive society. It is a meaningful way to honour the pioneers, trailblazers and all Canadians who work tirelessly to raise awareness about the rich culture and history of LGBTQ2+ rights;</p> <p><b>Whereas,</b> Vaughan is one of Canada's fastest growing and most diverse communities and embraces all dimensions of diversity and recently adopted the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, which is a community initiative to create a fair and equal environment for all;</p> <p><i>It is therefore recommended that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>1. The Mayor proclaim June as Pride Month in Vaughan;</i></li> <li><i>2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.</i></li> </ol>	

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua