

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Council Report**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 28, 2022

**TITLE: SPECIAL EVENTS AT THE VMC**

**FROM:**

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

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**Whereas**, the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) is being developed as the new downtown for the City of Vaughan; and

**Whereas**, the process for developing the VMC is occurring in a phased manner, where partial redevelopment of blocks of lands are underway; and

**Whereas**, there is an opportunity to continue to animate and activate these partially developed blocks, providing the Citizens of Vaughan with unique and varied experiences; and

**Whereas**, Screemers Inc., Canary Events Inc., and Elle' Events have successfully conducted events at the proposed location before; and

**Whereas**, past events have been well-received by the public and raised \$50,000 for Caritas in 2021 and over \$450,000 for Epilepsy Toronto in 2020 and 2021; and

**Whereas**, these events are to take place throughout October, and from mid-November until January 2, 2023; and

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan Special Events By-law limits special events to 4 consecutive days within a 30 day period ensuring minimal disruption to the quiet enjoyment of the City of Vaughan; and

**Whereas**, limiting the proposed activities and events would not be conducive to the proposed events; and

**Whereas**, permitting these proposed events will include the appropriate limitations as prescribed within the requirements of the City of Vaughan Special Events By-law and as determined by the Director & Chief Licensing Officer of By-law & Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services, to ensure the safe enjoyment of the event and minimize the possibility of disruption to the residents of Vaughan.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That an exemption to sections of the Special Event By-law be authorized by Council to allow for two events (Screamers and Holiday Nights of Lights), operated by Screamers Inc., and Canary Events Inc. and Elle' Events respectively, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. That a special event permit is obtained for each event;
  - b. That the exemption proposed only apply to the appropriate sections of the Special Event By-law that limit maximum number of consecutive days, thereby permitting the events to begin upon the date indicated on the respective Special Event Permits and expire no later than 45 days later;
  - c. That the proposed event only be permitted within Assembly Park, at 80 Interchange Way, Vaughan;
  - d. That all activities be limited from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.;
  - e. That any and all food trucks, food vendors and other vendors be licensed, where required to be so, in accordance with the City of Vaughan Business Licensing By-law; and
  - f. That the event organizers shall indemnify the City of Vaughan for all activities which occur in association with all the above-mentioned activities; and
  - g. That the Chief Licensing Officer be authorized to ask event organizers for any other information or to fulfill any other requirements, as she might deem appropriate, and that the Chief Licensing officer be authorized to take any necessary actions to ensure compliance.