

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE SUB-COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Committee of the Whole
of the City of Vaughan
on September 13, 2022*

The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Sub-Committee met at 9:35 a.m., on June 21, 2022.

ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION

Present:

Members

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor, Chair
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Vice Chair
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

Staff

Haiqing Xu, DCM, Planning and Growth Management
Michael Coroneos, DCM, Corporate Services, City Treasurer & Chief Financial Officer
Vince Musacchio, DCM, Infrastructure Development
Wendy Law, DCM, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor
Zoran Postic, DCM, Public Works
Caterina Facciolo, Deputy City Solicitor, Planning & Real Estate Law
Christina Bruce, Director, Policy Planning & Special Programs
Jamie Bronsema, Director, Parks Infrastructure Planning and Development
Michael Genova, Chief, Communications & Economic Development
Michael Marchetti, Director, Financial Planning & Development Finance/Deputy Treasurer
Mike Doyle, Deputy Fire Chief, Administrative & Support Services
Paul Salerno, Director, Real Estate
Raphael Costa, Director, Economic & Cultural Development
Selma Hubjer, Acting Director, Infrastructure Planning and Corporate Asset Management
Todd Coles, City Clerk
Amy Roots, Senior Manager of Development Planning, VMC
Brienne Clace, Project Manager, Development Finance
Cory Gray, Manager Parks & Strategic Initiatives, VMC
Dana Khademi, Storm Drainage Engineer
Diana DiGirolamo, Senior Planner
Gaston Soucy, Project Manager – Planning, VMC
Jennifer Cappola-Logullo, Manager, Development Engineering, VMC

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Julie Flesch, Senior Advisor, Strategic Economic Initiatives
Anna Rosen, Landscape Architect, Policy Planning & Special
Programs
Morteza Litkoohi, Systems Analyst / Project Leader
Sharon Gaum-Kuchar, Senior Art Curator
John Britto, Council / Committee Administrator

Others

Andrew Davidge, Principal Planner, Gladki Planning Associates
Chris White, Principal, Parcel Economics
Doron Meinhard, Associate Partner, Hariri Pontarini Architects
Michelle Walter, Managing Director, AMS Planning & Research
Mike Menary
Nora Fleury, Associate, AMS Planning & Research
Rebekah Boggs, Project Coordinator, AMS Planning & Research
René Biberstein, Associate, DTAH, Toronto
Robert McIntosh, Intermediate Landscape Designer, Janet
Rosenberg & Studio

The following items were dealt with:

**1. VMC PARKS AND WAYFINDING MASTER PLAN UPDATE AND
ADVANCED SIGNAGE**

The VMC Sub-Committee advises Council:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management dated June 21, 2022, was approved;**
- 2) That the presentation by Robert McIntosh, Intermediate Landscape Designer, Janet Rosenberg & Studio, Toronto, and C1, presentation material titled “*VMC Parks and Wayfinding Master Plan Update*” were received; and**
- 3) That the following Communications were received:**
 - C8 Don Given, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., Renfrew Drive, Markham, dated June 20, 2022; and**
 - C9 Sabrina Sgotto, Vice President, Weston Consulting, Millway Avenue, Vaughan, dated June 20, 2022.**

Recommendation

- 1. That the VMC Parks and Wayfinding Master Plan Update and Advanced Signage report be received for information.**

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2. VMC SECONDARY PLAN UPDATE: PHASE II - LAND USE OPTIONS

The VMC Sub-Committee advises Council:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management dated June 21, 2022, was approved;
- 2) That the presentation by Andrew Davidge, Gladki Planning Associates; Toronto, and Chris White, Parcel Economics, Toronto and C2, presentation material titled “*VMC Secondary Plan Update: Options*” were received;
- 3) That comments from the following speakers and Communications were received:
 1. Lauren Capilongo, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., Renfrew Drive, Markham and C6, dated June 20, 2022;
 2. Billy Tung, KLM Planning Partners Inc., Jardin Drive, Concord, and C5, dated June 20, 2022; and
 3. Paula Bustard, Executive Vice President, Development, SmartCentres REIT, Highway 7, Vaughan; and
- 4) That the following Communications were received:
 - C4. David A. McKay, Vice President & Partner, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Weston Road, Woodbridge, dated June 20, 2022;
 - C7. David A. McKay, Vice President & Partner, MHBC Planning Urban Design & Landscape Architecture, Weston Road, Woodbridge, dated June 20, 2022;
 - C8. Don Given, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., Renfrew Drive, Markham, dated June 20, 2022;
 - C9. Sabrina Sgotto, Vice President, Weston Consulting, Millway Avenue, Vaughan, dated June 20, 2022; and
 - C10. Paula Bustard, Executive Vice President, Development, SmartCentres REIT, Highway 7, Vaughan, dated June 15, 2022.

Recommendation

1. That the VMC Secondary Plan Update: Phase II – Land Use Options report be received for information.

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3. UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN THE VMC

The VMC Sub-Committee advises Council:

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the report of the City Manager dated June 21, 2022, were received and forwarded to Council for consideration; and
- 2) That the presentation by Michelle Walter, AMS Planning and Research and C3, presentation material titled “*City of Vaughan Cultural Arts Centre*” were received.

Recommendations

1. THAT Council endorse the pursuit of a “hub-and-spoke” model for developing a cultural arts district in the VMC as presented to the VMC Sub-Committee by AMS, the lead consultant.
2. THAT Council endorse the launch of a VMC Arts & Creative Industries Advisory Group in the next term of Council to coordinate the development of hub-and-spoke arts activations in the VMC.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor, Chair