

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 13, 2022

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TITLE: UPDATE ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CULTURAL AND PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE IN THE VMC (TRANSMITTAL REPORT)

FROM:

Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Sub-Committee

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To forward, for Council approval, recommendations from the VMC Sub-committee with respect to the subject matter.

Report Highlights

- This is a transmittal report from the City Clerk on behalf of the VMC Sub-committee, forwarding recommendations for Council approval.

Recommendations

The VMC Sub-committee forwards the following recommendations from its meeting of June 21, 2022 (Item 3, Report No. 1), for consideration:

- 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 of the City Manager, dated June 21, 2022:

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.

Background

At its meeting of June 21, 2022, the VMC Sub-committee considered recommendations on the subject matter in the report of the City Manager – Item 3, Report No. 1 [Attachment 1].

Previous Reports/Authority

Previous reports relating to the development of a Cultural and Performing Arts Centre in the VMC can be found at the following links:

[VMC Culture and Public Art Framework, November 2015](#)

[Feasibility Study for a Cultural Arts Centre in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, VMC Sub-Committee Report, December 4, 2019](#)

Analysis and Options

Recommendations from the VMC Sub-committee are forwarded for consideration by Committee of the Whole.

Financial Impact

The first phase of Feasibility Study advised that the City carefully considers and plans the management of a long-term operating subsidy, including appropriate governance and funding models. This is a principle that will guide the Phase II work on this project. The final Phase II report will provide recommendations regarding a governance model, business operating model, an operating budget and capital budget forecast for the first five years and potential funding opportunities.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The potential development of a cultural hub may have implications for York Region's Centres and Corridors and future Economic Development Action Plans. Copies of this report and subsequent work plans will be communicated to York Region Planning and Economic Strategy, the Vaughan Chamber of Commerce, York Region Arts Council, VMC stakeholders and landowners.

Conclusion

This report is submitted on behalf of the VMC Sub-committee for consideration by Committee of the Whole.

For more information, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, Extension 8281.

Attachment

1. Update on the development of a Cultural and Performing Arts Centre in the VMC (VMC Sub-Committee Report No. 1, Item 3).

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