

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2022

Item 27, Report No. 32, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 28, 2022, as follows:

By approving the recommendation in accordance with Communication C16, memorandum from the Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor, dated September 28, 2022, as follows:

That the proposed resolution provided by the Women's Support Network of York Region presentation delivered to Committee of Whole on September 13th, 2022 be altered to the following:

Whereas, Women's Support Network of York Region has provided support and advocacy for survivors of recent or historical sexual violence, and prevention education in York Region since 1992;

And Whereas, the number of survivors needing access to crisis counselling and long-term counselling programs has increased since 1992;

And Whereas, ongoing underfunding of Women's Support Network of York Region has reduced the number of resources available to provide these services due to highly specialized skill requirements that are unmatched by low wages and benefits relative to other mental health funded positions;

And Whereas, the current COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in increased people in the community requiring the services of Women's Support Network of York Region;

And Whereas, sexual violence disproportionately impacts our community's most vulnerable members including women and girls, trans, and non-binary people, people with disabilities, and people who identify as Black, First Nations, Metis, Indigenous, racialized, and/or 2SLGBTQIA+1;

And Whereas, the Women's Support Network of York Region presented to Committee of the Whole on September 13, 2022 to request the City of Vaughan to endorse a resolution calling upon the Province of Ontario to provide increased and sustainable funding for community-based Sexual Assault Support Centres;

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. That City of Vaughan Council request the Province of Ontario to consider supporting increased and sustainable provincial funding for the Women's Support Network of York Region and other community-based sexual assault centres; and***
- 2. That the City Clerk forward a copy of this resolution to the Province and other municipalities within York Region; and***

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By receiving Communications C6 from Katrina Fiore, The Women's Support Network of York Region, Stellar Drive, Newmarket, dated September 15, 2022.

27. PRESENTATION – THE WOMEN'S SUPPORT NETWORK OF YORK REGION

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the presentation by Lindsay Carbonero, Board Director, and Shannon Serraj, Program Manager, of the Women's Support Network of York Region, Stellar Drive, Newmarket, and Communication C9, entitled "Request to the City of Vaughan to Endorse a Resolution for Increased and Sustainable Funding for Community-Based Sexual Assault Support Centres", dated September 13, 2022, be received and referred to staff to report back to the Council meeting of September 28, 2022.