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## Committee of the Whole Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 05, 2018

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: AMENDMENTS TO THE VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN 2010 VOLUME 1 AND THE VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE SECONDARY PLAN TO REFERENCE THE CITY-WIDE PUBLIC ART PROGRAM AND VAUGHAN METROPOLITAN CENTRE CULTURE AND PUBLIC ART FRAMEWORK**

**FROM:**

Jason Schmidt-Shoukri, Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To approve the Official Plan Amendment appended as Attachment 1, amending the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 Volume 1 (VOP 2010) and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan (VMC SP) Section 11.12 of VOP 2010 Volume 2 to include references to the approved Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework.

**Report Highlights**

- A Public Meeting was held on March 6, 2018 and no comments or concerns were raised by the public regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment.
- Council approved the Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework on June 7, 2016.
- The proposed amendments to the Public Art policies within VOP 2010 Volume 1 and the VMC SP Volume 2 align with the two approved Public Art documents.

## **Recommendations**

1. THAT the Official Plan Amendment, appended as Attachment 1, BE APPROVED, to amend the policies of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 Volume 1 and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan Section 11.12 contained in Vaughan Official Plan 2010 Volume 2 to include references to the approved Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework.

## **Background**

A Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) was held on March 6, 2018 to receive comments from the public and the Committee of the Whole regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendments. No issues were raised with the proposed amendments.

### **Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program**

The Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program (Program) was approved by Council on June 7, 2016. The purpose of the Program is to provide a guiding framework, public art policies, and to establish a public art process that will maximize opportunities for public art through the development approvals process in Vaughan.

### **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework**

The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework (Framework) was also approved by Vaughan Council on June 7, 2016. The purpose of the Framework was to set the context for investment in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and the provision of cultural features, amenities and public art as part of the early development of the new downtown.

### **VOP 2010 and VMC Secondary Plan Policies**

The VOP 2010 and the VMC SP include a variety of policies and references to public art. The Public Art policies were prepared prior to the finalization of the Vaughan Public Art Program and the VMC Public Art Framework. As such, amendments are required to VOP 2010 and the VMC SP to update the applicable policies to reference the two public art documents and to amend the applicable VOP 2010 policies to align with these two documents.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

The March 6, 2018, Committee of the Whole Public Hearing (Item 2, Report No. 11) can be found at the following link: ([here](#))

## **Analysis and Options**

A review of the VOP 2010 and VMC SP policies was undertaken in the context of the recently approved Public Art Program and Framework. Several policies were identified that required an amendment or new direction to align VOP 2010 and VMC SP with the two public art documents. The proposed amendments to the VOP 2010 and VMC SP are minor in nature and align with the two Public Art documents.

## **Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts associated with the adoption of these policy amendments.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

York Region has exempted the Official Plan Amendment from Regional approval. This allows the Official Plan Amendment to come into full force and effect, following its adoption by Vaughan Council and the expiration of the required appeal period prescribed by the *Planning Act*.

## **Conclusion**

The proposed Official Plan Amendment to VOP 2010 and VMC SP is minor in nature and aligns with the Public Art Program and Framework.

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## **Attachments**

1. Draft Official Plan Amendment

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# ATTACHMENT 1

## **AMENDMENT NUMBER 24 TO THE VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN 2010 OF THE VAUGHAN PLANNING AREA**

The following text constitutes Amendment Number 24 to the Official Plan of the Vaughan Planning Area.

Also attached hereto but not constituting part of the Amendment is Appendix "I"

Authorized by Item No. \_\_\_\_\_ of Report No. \_\_\_\_\_  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ Committee of the Whole  
Adopted by Vaughan City Council on \_\_\_\_\_ (date) \_\_\_\_\_ .

## I PURPOSE

The purpose of this Amendment to the Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (VOP 2010) is to amend the provisions of Volume 1 and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan (VMCSP) (Section 11.12 – Volume 2) to include references to the approved Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework.

## II LOCATION

This Amendment applies throughout the City of Vaughan and specific amendments applicable to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.

## III BASIS

The decision to amend the City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 Volume 1 and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan (Section 11.12) is based on the following considerations:

1. The Provincial Policy Statement 2017 supports the long-term economic prosperity by enhancing the vitality and viability of downtowns and main streets and encouraging a sense of place, by promoting well-designed built form and cultural planning. Public Art contributes to economic development by boosting cultural tourism, stimulating commerce, and increasing real estate value. Public art is widely recognized for its ability to boost economic development and tourism by creating destinations for visitors and residents.
2. The Provincial Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe 2017 Vision states that “Urban centres will be vibrant and characterized by more compact development patterns that support climate change mitigation and adaptation, and provide a diversity of opportunities for living, working and enjoying culture.” Public Art animates the public realm and helps to encourage active transportation and social interaction, both of which contribute to healthy communities.

Public Art plays a key role in city building and urban planning. Involving artists in the city building process can result in the creation of unique open spaces, parks and streetscapes that add dynamism and variety to Vaughan's urban fabric.

3. The York Region Official Plan 2010 (YROP) include policies to encourage public art in all significant private developments and to require public art in all major public development. The proposed Official Plan amendment supports these objectives.
4. The Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program ("Program") was approved by Council on June 7, 2016. The purpose of the program is to provide a guiding framework, public art policies, and establish a public art process that will maximize opportunities for public art. The Program sets the stage for art that will enrich and animate the Vaughan experience for existing and new residents and visitors alike.
5. The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework ("Framework") was approved by Council on June 7, 2016. The purpose of the plan was to set out the context for the investment and provision of cultural features, amenities and public art early in the development of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, the City's new downtown. The Framework provides strategic directions, objectives, actions and priorities to guide the development of a wide range of cultural resources, activities and a variety of forms of public art.
6. VOP 2010 Volume 1 and the VMC SP include a variety of policies and references to public art. These policies were prepared prior to the finalization of the Vaughan Public Art Program and the VMC Public Art Framework. Amendments are required to VOP 2010 Volume 1 and the VMC SP to update the applicable polices to reference the two public art documents and amend the applicable policies to align with these two documents.

IV DETAILS OF THE AMENDMENT AND POLICIES RELATIVE THERETO

A. The Vaughan Official Plan 2010 Volume 1 is hereby amended by:

1. Amending Policy 5.2.6.6 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as outlined below:

5.2.6.6 To recognize the **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre** as a cultural and creative hub for the City by:

- a. planning for cultural spaces, facilities and activities in its design;
- b. directing new city-wide facilities, including a large performing arts theatre or visual arts centre, to locate in the **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre**;
- c. showcasing examples of cultural expression in public spaces within the **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre**; ~~and~~
- d. promoting lands with the **Vaughan Metropolitan Centre** for creative cultural industry clusters; and
- e. requiring the implementation of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework

2. Add the following new Policy 5.2.6.10 as outlined below:

5.2.6.10 To enrich and animate the Vaughan experience for existing and new residents and visitors alike by requiring the implementation of the Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program.

3. Amending Policy 7.2.1.1 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as outlined below:

7.2.1.1 To support new and renovated community services and recreation facilities that are appropriately designed, and:

- a. conveniently accessible by transit, bicycle and on foot;
- b. centrally located in the area in which they provide service;
- c. designed to incorporate green building standards, as set out in subsection 9.1.3 of this Plan; ~~and~~
- d. designed to support universal accessibility; and

e. designed to include public art where appropriate

4. Amending Policy 7.2.4.3 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as outlined below:

7.2.4.3 To ensure that new and renovated libraries are appropriately designed, and that these facilities shall be:

- a. conveniently accessible by transit, bicycle and on foot;
- b. centrally located in the community which they service;
- c. designed to incorporate green building standards as set out in subsection 9.1.3 of this Plan; ~~and~~
- d. designed to support universal accessibility; and
- e. designed to include public art where appropriate

5. Amending Policy 9.1.1.9 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as outlined below:

9.1.1.9 To support the *development* of public art throughout the public realm ~~by establishing a Public Art Program that will:~~ by supporting the following goals of the Vaughan City-Wide Public Art Program:

- a. ~~identify key sites and opportunities for public art throughout Vaughan;~~
- b. ~~require the inclusion of public art in all new public sector developments;~~
- c. ~~establish partnerships with utility providers to integrate public art with utility infrastructure;~~
- d. ~~establish partnerships with local schools, institutions and community groups to initiate neighbourhood based public art projects;~~
- e. ~~establish a public art contribution from private development; and~~
- f. ~~establish a public art review panel to review and evaluate public art proposal and make recommendations respecting location, scale, purpose~~

- a. require the inclusion of public art in all new major public-sector developments;
- b. encourage a public art contribution from private development;
- c. identify key sites and opportunities for investment in public art throughout Vaughan;
- d. encourage partnerships to integrate public art with infrastructure;
- e. encourage partnerships with local institutions and community groups to initiate neighbourhood-based public art projects; and
- f. establish a Public Art Review and/or Selection Panel to review and evaluate public art proposals and make recommendations respecting locations, scale and purposes.

- B. The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan (Section 11.12) is hereby amended by:

1. Amending Policy 4.4.8 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as

outlined below:

4.4.8 Public art will be an important element of the VMC's public realm, adding culture, beauty and interest to streetscapes as well as parks, other open spaces and buildings. Several streetscape elements present opportunities for the integration of art, including building canopies, storefronts, furnishings, lighting, paving, fencing, tree guards, information displays and utility elements such as manhole covers. The installation of public art projects within streetscapes generally shall be encouraged, ~~and the City shall incorporate streetscape elements in a public art plan for the VMC.~~ The Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework provides the guidance to maximize opportunities for public art.

2. Amending Policy 7.4.1 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as outlined below:

7.4.1 The City shall undertake a Cultural Arts Centre Feasibility Study ~~Cultural Facilities and Public Art Plan~~ for the VMC to:

- identify appropriate and feasible cultural facilities for the VMC; and
- develop an implementation strategy for Council-approved priority cultural facilities.
- ~~• identify site for major public art installations in the VMC;~~
- ~~• inform the develop of a city wide Public Art Program~~

3. Amending Policy 7.4.4. by deleting the words crossed-out as outlined below:

7.4.4. As set out in Policy 5.4.6(k) of the Regional Official Plan, the inclusion of public art in all significant private developments shall be encouraged and 1% of the capital budget of all major Regional and City buildings or other facilities shall be dedicated to public art. ~~In addition, the Public Art Program called for in Policy 9.1.1.9 of Volume 1 of the Official Plan shall give special consideration to public art opportunities in the VMC. Any amendments to the Official Plan regarding public art stemming from the Public Art Program shall supersede this policy.~~

4. Adding the following new policy 7.4.6 as outlined below:

7.4.6 The following objectives of the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework shall be implemented through the recommendations of the plan.

- enable art and cultural investments with supportive municipal policy structures;
- establish rich cultural resources;
- leverage creativity and culture to attract and retain people as key drivers of innovation and economic growth;
- enable collaboration, training and mentoring with supportive cultural networks;
- animate the urban environment with a variety of art/cultural programs and activities;

- identify sites and opportunities for public art that enhances sense of place; and
- implement a recognizable cultural identity for the VMC that communicates an innovative, transformative and authentic experience.

5. Amending Policy 10.1.4 by deleting the words crossed-out and adding the words underlined as outlined below:

10.1.4 ~~As an initial step to establishing the VMC as a civic destination, the City shall complete a Cultural Facilities and Public Art Plan for the VMC, as described in section 7.4~~

To establish the VMC as a civic destination, the recommendations of the Vaughan

Metropolitan Centre Culture and Public Art Framework shall be implemented.

## V IMPLEMENTATION

It is intended that the policies of the Official Plan of the Vaughan Planning Area shall be implemented through future public and private development initiatives.

## VI INTERPRETATION

The provisions of the Official Plan of the Vaughan Planning Area as amended from time to time regarding the interpretation of that Plan shall apply with respect to this Amendment.

## **APPENDIX I**

This Amendment applies to lands within the corporate boundaries of the City of Vaughan, being a general amendment to the Official Plan of the Vaughan Plan Area and specific amendments to the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. On DATE, Vaughan Committee of the Whole considered a report with the following recommendations from the Deputy City Manager Planning and Growth Management to consider City initiated amendments to Vaughan Official Plan 2010 Volume 1 and the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan (11.12), which was ratified by Vaughan Council at its meeting on DATE.

On DATE, Vaughan Council adopted the DATE, Committee of the Whole recommendation to approve Draft Official Plan Amendment File OP.XX>XX Vaughan Council approved the following recommendation.

1. XXX
2. XXX

At the DATE, Council Meeting Council approved the Final OPA.

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