

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, November 22, 2022

TITLE: COMMUNITY SAFETY MEETINGS

FROM:

Deputy Mayor Linda Jackson

Whereas, active, safe and diverse communities will continue to be a priority for the city of Vaughan; and

Whereas through each of their own community engagement efforts, sitting and newly elected Members of Council have identified community safety as a critical issue; and

Whereas, a report considered by the York Region Police Services Board in May 2022 identified that the overall crime rate in York Region increased by 5.3 per cent in 2021, and confirms comments and concerns from many Vaughan residents regarding the increase of crime throughout the city, and

Whereas, as a lower-tier municipality of York Region, Vaughan's property tax base significantly contributes to regional services including, but not limited to, Police, Paramedic and Health Services. In June 2022, York Region released the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan with strategic objectives that will guide how the Region works with communities to enhance safety and well-being.

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT, throughout the 2022-2026 Term of Council, the City of Vaughan organizes a minimum of one community safety meeting in each of the City's five wards;
2. THAT, Deputy Mayor Linda Jackson's office, with the support of City staff and stakeholders, work with each of the ward Councillors to ensure the community safety meetings begin as early as Q1 2023;

3. THAT, the appropriate stakeholders will be contacted to participate, including, but not limited to, York Regional Police, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service, and By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services staff; and
4. THAT, City staff be directed to identify the appropriate City facilities to host the ward community safety meetings, and that City staff also attend to help facilitate these meetings; and
5. THAT, The City's Corporate and Strategic Communications department promote the passage of this resolution on the appropriate corporate communications channels.

Attachments

[York Region Community Safety and Well-Being Plan for 2022 to 2026](#)

[The Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board Public Board Meeting May 17, 2022 Report of the Chief of Police 2021 Annual Statistics and 2020-2022 Business Plan Year Two Highlights](#)