



## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	COUNCIL - MARCH 19, 2019
Title:	Memorandum of Understanding between US Ignite and the City of Vaughan
Submitted by:	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
<p><b>Whereas</b>, US Ignite is a non-profit organization designed to promote international leadership in developing applications and fostering an environment for local governments and technology partners to work together; and,</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, US Ignite aims to foster the creation of novel applications and digital experiences that have the potential to transform important public policy areas; and,</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, US Ignite has been awarded a National Science Foundation grant entitled "Smart Gigabit Communities" that aims to assemble and jump-start a growing and sustainable ecosystem of smart gigabit city testbeds and corresponding applications across more than 25 communities, delivering important new advances in public policy; and,</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, over the last year the City of Vaughan's Corporate Services Portfolio has actively engaged US Ignite to determine an alignment of shared efforts to advance Council-approved Smart City and Digital Strategy initiatives; and,</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, US Ignite has invited the City of Vaughan to join the organization's Smart Gigabit Community, which would make Vaughan the first Canadian municipality to join the US Smart Gigabit Community; and,</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, the Corporate Services Portfolio recommends there are important benefits to joining this organization, which include but are not limited to, strengthening professional networks with other local governments and leading technology businesses; access to innovative and leading best practices; and enhance organizational and technical capabilities, among others; and,</p> <p><b>Whereas</b>, the Corporate Services Portfolio has developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with US Ignite, that would see the City become a member of the Smart Gigabit Communities.</p> <p><i>It is therefore recommended that:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><i>1. The Mayor, as Head of Council, sign the MOU between the Corporation of the City of Vaughan and US Ignite, thereby establishing it as the first Canadian municipality to join the 25-member US Ignite Smart Gigabit Community;</i></li><li><i>2. That this resolution be ratified by Council in advance of the US Ignite Application Summit taking place from April 1-4, 2019;</i></li><li><i>3. That staff attending the Summit bring forward a report and present a deputation about their participation for the Council meeting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019;</i></li><li><i>4. That a signing ceremony take place during the abovementioned Council meeting; and</i></li><li><i>5. That a copy of the signed MOU be forwarded to Members of York Region Council as well as Vaughan's federal and provincial elected representatives.</i></li></ol>	

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

### Attachments

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Corporation of the City of Vaughan and US Ignite.