

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

TITLE: ENHANCING PUBLIC SAFETY AND MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

FROM:

Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco

Whereas on December 18, 2022, the City of Vaughan suffered a tragic incident at the Bellaria Towers;

Whereas on February 16, 2023 the City of Vaughan listened to the feedback and concerns from residents of the Bellaria Towers;

Whereas it is imperative for the City of Vaughan and other levels of government to seek solutions on providing robust funding to mental health services and strategies to further mitigate gun violence.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the Office of Communications and Economic Development report back with grant and funding options available at all levels of government in support of Victim Services of York Region, to advance the organization's mandates to help people in need;
2. That the City Solicitor draft a letter on behalf of Council for the City of Vaughan to Minister Tibollo asking that the Province immediately investigate opportunities for earlier access to and more collaborative mental health initiatives in instances of emergencies such as this, and also that the Province provide more funding for individuals requiring mental health interventions and supports;
3. That the City Solicitor draft a letter on behalf of Council for the City of Vaughan, to the Solicitor General of Ontario and the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting

that the Province of Ontario require condominiums and high-density development communities to have a public safety communication plan; and

4. That City Council request that staff bring a report on the status of these recommendations at the Community Safety Advisory Committee no later than the end of Quarter 3 of 2023.