

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 12, 2023

Item 24, Report No. 52, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 12, 2023.

24. SUPPORTING VAUGHAN'S SOUTH VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Mayor Steven Del Duca, dated December 5, 2023:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Steven Del Duca with respect to the above.

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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2)

DATE: Tuesday, December 05, 2023

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Financial and Staff Resource Impact

N/A

Attachments:

N/A