



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

***For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Vaughan  
on January 25, 2022***

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The Committee of the Whole met at 1:02 p.m., on January 18, 2022.

Present:

| Council Member                    | In-Person | Electronic Participation |
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| Councillor Alan Shefman, Chair    |           | X                        |
| Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor   |           | X                        |
| Regional Councillor Mario Ferri   |           | X                        |
| Regional Councillor Gino Rosati   |           | X                        |
| Regional Councillor Linda Jackson |           | X                        |
| Councillor Marilyn Iafrate        | X         |                          |
| Councillor Tony Carella           |           | X                        |
| Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca    |           | X                        |
| Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco     |           | X                        |

The following items were dealt with:

**1. INTERIM PROPERTY TAX LEVY FOR 2022 – ALL WARDS**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer dated January 18, 2022:**

**Recommendations**

1. THAT Council approve the levy of interim property taxes for 2022 for all classes of properties not enrolled under the PTP monthly plan with three instalments due in March, April and May; and
2. THAT the City pass a by-law confirming the above recommendation.

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**2. 2022 TEMPORARY BORROWING BY-LAW**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer dated January 18, 2022:**

**Recommendations**

1. That Attachment 1, Temporary Borrowing By-law be brought forward for Council approval to authorize the temporary borrowing, if required, of amounts not to exceed \$215,400,000 from January 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022 and \$107,400,000 from October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 to meet the expenditures of the City until taxes are collected and other revenues are received;
2. That the Treasurer report to Council in advance of borrowing, if temporary borrowing is required; and
3. That staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect to this resolution.

**3. CITY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 001-2021  
REFERENCE ERRORS AND ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management and the Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor dated January 18, 2022 be approved; and
- 2) That the following Communications be received:
  - C4. Mr. John M. Alati, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
  - C6. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
  - C7. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
  - C8. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
  - C9. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
  - C10. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
  - C11. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;

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- C12. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C13. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C14. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C15. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C16. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C17. Mr. John M. Alati, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C18. Mr. John M. Alati, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C19. Mr. John M. Alati, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022;
- C20. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022; and
- C21. Mr. Michael Melling, Davies Howe LLP, Adelaide Street West, Toronto dated January 17, 2022.

**Recommendations**

- 1. THAT the Holding Symbol “(H)” previously lifted from lands in Zoning By-law 1-88, as amended, that have been unintentionally reapplied to the same lands in Zoning By-law 001-2021 be removed from Zoning By-law 001-2021;
  - 2. THAT the City Clerk be directed to make administrative amendments to Zoning By-law 001-2021 to implement Recommendation 1;
  - 3. THAT Council approve the administrative amendments to Zoning By-law 001-2021 identified in Attachment 1 to this Report, to correct reference errors in Zoning By-law 001-2021 pursuant to Policy 10.1.4.7 of Vaughan Official Plan 2010; and
  - 4. THAT all necessary by-laws be enacted.
- 4. BELMONT PROPERTIES (WESTON) INC. ZONING BY-LAW  
AMENDMENT FILE Z.20.003 SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.20.009  
VICINITY OF WESTON ROAD AND MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE WEST**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the building height in this application be limited to 12 meters and the Owner is not permitted to apply for a Minor

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**Variance Application(s) to the Vaughan Committee of Adjustment regarding the building height as it is deemed a major zoning by-law amendment;**

- 2) That the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management dated January 18, 2022 be approved;**
- 3) That the comments from Ms. Elle Volanis be received;**
- 4) That Communication C1 from Ms. Andrea Caruso dated January 4, 2022 be received; and**
- 5) That the coloured elevations submitted by the applicant be received.**

### **Recommendations**

1. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.20.003 (Belmont Properties (Weston) Inc.) BE APPROVED, to amend Zoning By-law 1-88 for the subject lands shown on Attachment 2, from “C3(H) Local Commercial Zone” with the Holding Symbol “(H)” and subject to site-specific Exception 9(1291) to “RT1 Residential Townhouse Zone”, together with site-specific zoning exceptions identified in Table 1 of this report;
2. THAT the Owner be permitted to apply for a Minor Variance Application(s) to the Vaughan Committee of Adjustment, if required, before the second anniversary of the day on which the implementing Zoning By-law for the subject lands came into effect, to permit minor adjustments to the implementing Zoning By-law;
3. THAT Site Development File DA.20.009 (Belmont Properties (Weston) Inc.) BE DRAFT APPROVED AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS of Site Plan Approval included in Attachment 1, to the satisfaction of the Development Planning Department, to permit 30 3-storey townhouse dwelling units accessed by a private common element road, as shown on Attachments 3 to 6; and
4. THAT Vaughan Council adopt the following resolution for the allocation of water and sewage servicing capacity:

“THAT Site Plan Development Application DA.20.009 be allocated servicing capacity from the York Sewage Servicing / Water Supply System for a total of 30 residential townhouse units (92 persons equivalent). The allocation of said capacity may be redistributed (at the discretion of the City) in accordance with the City’s Servicing Capacity Allocation Policy if the

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development does not proceed to registration and/or building permit issuance within 36 months”.

**5. PROPOSED STREET NAME SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.19.075  
RELATED FILES OP.19.009, Z.19.024 AND 19T-19V004 GB (VAUGHAN  
SEVEN) LIMITED PARTNERSHIP VICINITY OF HIGHWAY 7 AND  
MAPLECRETE ROAD**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management dated January 18, 2022:**

**Recommendation**

1. That the following proposed name for a street located within the lands identified in draft-approved Site Development File DA.19.075, as shown on Attachment 1, BE APPROVED:

Proposed Street Name

- Meadowdale Road

**6. 2021 UPDATE - YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION CAPITAL  
INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development dated January 18, 2022 be approved; and
- 2) That the presentation by Salim Alibhai, Director, Capital Planning and Delivery, York Region Transportation Services and Brian Titherington, Director, Transportation & Infrastructure Planning, The Regional Municipality of York and C 5, presentation material be received.

**Recommendation**

1. That the presentation from York Region staff on the status of transportation capital infrastructure projects be received.

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**7. 2022 CONTRIBUTION REBATE PROGRAM**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor dated January 18, 2022 be approved; and
- 2) That the following Communications be received:
  - C2. Mr. Hiten Patel, Thornhill Woods Drive, Vaughan dated January 13, 2022; and
  - C3. Memorandum from the City Clerk / Returning Officer dated January 14, 2022.

**Recommendations**

1. That the Contribution Rebate Program be continued in 2022, with the same formula and requirements as the 2018 program; and
2. That any campaign surpluses fund the Contribution Rebate Program.

**8. VAUGHAN INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL - 2022 EVENT**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco dated January 18, 2022:

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

**Whereas**, the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre (VMC) is emerging as one of the most desirable financial, innovation and cultural destinations in the Greater Toronto Area; and

**Whereas**, the VMC is being developed as the new downtown for the City of Vaughan in a phased manner, where partial redevelopment of blocks of lands are underway; and

**Whereas**, there is an opportunity to activate these partially developed blocks which will provide the citizens of Vaughan with unique cultural experiences; and

**Whereas**, SmartCentres has used the VMC to host SmartVMC Artwalk, an approved temporary active event space, including a food market, night market, drive-in movie theatre and art mural within Transit Square and the former Walmart parking lot; and

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**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan's Economic Development Department provides business advisory services to organizations participating in the annual Culture Days program across the City with promotion on a local, regional and national level; and

**Whereas**, in 2021, the City of Vaughan hosted a soft launch of the Vaughan International Music Festival (VIMF), which fit the mandate and objective of both the SmartVMC Artwalk program and the City's Culture Days program, showcasing multicultural performances and music genres through partnerships with both community organizations and international performers; and

**Whereas**, the VIMF soft launch won the 2021 Ontario Culture Days Spotlight Award (People's Choice Category), which celebrates the creativity and ingenuity of event programming as part of the Ontario Culture Days Festival; and

**Whereas**, continuing to host the VIMF as a free community event would help promote the VMC as a tourism destination, attracting visitors from York Region, the Greater Toronto Area and other Regions to Vaughan; and

**Whereas**, an annual VIMF would conform to the City's mandate to deliver culturally diverse events in a safe, inclusive and accessible manner.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That the City of Vaughan approve the first official VIMF event for 2022 to be held on the weekend of June 10-12, 2022; and
2. That the event be held in the VMC Transit Square, the YMCA – VMC location and the Vaughan Studios and Event Space; and
3. That the event be a community led event, held in coordination with SmartVMC Artwalk as part of their activation and programming; and
4. That the City's Recreation Services Department Events Team support the organization of the event as part of their cultural events mandate; and
5. That the City's Economic Development Department support event organizers with appropriate business advisory services; and
6. That a facility permit be provided for the Vaughan Studios and Event Space for the weekend at no cost (space to be determined in collaboration with staff); and
7. That the Deputy City Manager of Community Services/Director & Chief Licensing Officer be authorized at his sole discretion to set aside any regulations of the City's Special Events By-law to support the event; and

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8. That services-in-kind in the form of chairs, tables, waste receptacles, risers, set up and clean up be provided by the Public Works Department at no cost for the event; and
9. That the Corporate and Strategic Communications department and Access Vaughan be directed to assist with public information efforts for the VIMF utilizing corporate communications channels; and
10. That staff be directed to support in their capacity the continuation of the VIMF event as an annual, free community event for the next 3 years through to 2024.

### 9. **COUNCIL MEMBER OFFICE STAFFING**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca dated January 18, 2022:**

#### **Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

**Whereas**, staff within the offices of the Councillors report to the City Clerk, however they take daily direction from the Council Members; and

**Whereas**, Council office staff are City employees, however, the nature of their work is distinct from other Union and non-Union staff; and

**Whereas**, Council office staff are more akin to political staff and their work is unique within the City; and

**Whereas**, Council office staff are City employees and the City has certain statutory requirements and corporate responsibilities to those staff; and

**Whereas**, Council Executive Assistants are included in the Office of the City Clerk's budget, while Council Administrative Assistants are included in the individual Council office budgets; and

**Whereas**, remuneration for Council office staff are set within the current corporate compensation structure with limited flexibility to recognize the experience and value that a staff member may have; and

**Whereas**, a flexible compensation structure is important to attracting and retaining employees with the specialized skills and experience to staff a political office.

#### **It is therefore recommended:**

1. THAT staff report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting, no later than the end of June 2022, with options for the staffing of Council Member offices, including, but not limited to, a review of the following:



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- a. Recruitment Process
- b. Reporting structure
- c. Compensation model
- d. Appropriate budget source

**10. CITY OF VAUGHAN MAYOR'S GALA AND MAYOR MAURIZIO BEVILACQUA CHARITY GOLF CLASSIC – RECIPIENT ORGANIZATIONS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua dated January 18, 2022.**

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan is committed to fostering an inclusive society; and

**Whereas**, the May 3, 2011 Council resolution authorized that recipients include, but not be limited to:

- Vaughan Based Charities;
- Not-for-profit Organizations; and
- Community Groups; and

**Whereas**, the use of the net proceeds was communicated to the public through the Mayor's Gala and the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic material, Council reports and media articles; and

**Whereas**, the recipient organizations have been identified based on recommendations from Members of Council, community leaders and organization/community requests.

**It Is therefore recommended that:**

1. Council receive the attached list of recipient organizations that have received, for the period from September 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021, net proceeds from the City of Vaughan Mayor's Gala and the Mayor's Charity Golf Classic.

**11. CITY OF VAUGHAN OPPOSITION TO QUEBEC'S BILL 21, AN ACT RESPECTING THE LAICITY OF THE STATE**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua dated January 18, 2022:**

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## **Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

**Whereas**, in June 2019, the Province of Quebec legislated Bill 21, "An Act Respecting the Laicity of the State," which forbids public servants from wearing religious symbols in the workplace, including such items as turbans, kippahs, hijabs and visible crucifixes; and

**Whereas**, Bill 21 is a divisive law that undermines equality in the name of secularism and instead contributes to further discrimination and intolerance; and

**Whereas**, Vaughan is home to people of many faiths, and the City of Vaughan affirms that the expression of faith is a fundamental right as provided in the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms; and

**Whereas**, Vaughan is a multicultural community that is proud of its diversity and inclusivity; and

**Whereas**, in January 2020, the City adopted the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, a document that promotes and celebrates human rights, accessibility and a sense of belonging to promote equal access to opportunities for everyone; and

**Whereas**, Mayor Bevilacqua called an electronic-participation Special Committee of the Whole meeting held on November 25, 2020, to address issues of racism and to further advance and raise awareness about the City's diversity, inclusion and anti-racism efforts; and

**Whereas**, as part of ongoing efforts to advance an agenda of diversity, inclusion and accessibility, the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force was founded. In 2020, the City of Vaughan established the new Diversity and Inclusion Officer role in the corporation, a senior-level position supported by the City's existing Accessibility and Diversity Co-ordinator.

### **It is therefore recommended:**

1. That the City of Vaughan oppose Quebec's Bill 21 and support, in principle, the current legal challenge by the National Council of Canadian Muslims, the World Sikh Organization and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association against the discrimination over religious expression in Quebec's Bill 21; and
2. That this member's resolution be forwarded to the City of Vaughan's Diversity, Inclusion Task Force;
3. That the City of Vaughan calls upon the Parliament of Canada and all its Members and Federal parties to condemn and challenge Quebec's Bill 21; and

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4. That a copy of this resolution is sent to Vaughan and York Region MPs, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Vaughan and York Region MPPs, Premier Doug Ford, the National Council of Canadian Muslims, the Canadian Civil Liberties Association, the World Sikh Organization of Canada, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, Ontario Big City Mayor's Caucus (OBCM) and be made available to the public.
5. That the City's Corporate and Strategic Communications department promote the passage of this resolution on the appropriate corporate communications channels.

**12. CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION – 2021 WARD 4 CIVIC HERO AWARD: SVETLANA KATCHAROVSKI**

**Ms. Svetlana Katcharovski was presented virtually with the 2021 Ward 4 Civic Hero Award for her exemplary leadership, volunteerism and environmental stewardship in creating 'Act Clean Vaughan', a grassroots community initiative with more than 300 active volunteers who co-ordinate regular community cleanups to preserve Vaughan's parklands, ravines and open spaces for future generations, and for volunteering her time to support the McMichael Canadian Art Collection and Mackenzie Health.**

**13. PRESENTATION – RABBI SHALOM BAKSHI: REQUEST FOR SOLE TENANCY OF VELLORE HALL, 9541 WESTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the presentation by Rabbi Shalom Bakshi be received and referred to staff for a report to a future Committee of the Whole on the options of shared use of City Facilities.

**14. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

**14.1. CONSIDERATION OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the following Ad-Hoc Committee reports be received:
  1. Older Adult Task Force meeting of November 29, 2021 (Report No. 8);
  2. Vaughan Healthcare Precinct Advisory Task Force meeting of December 6, 2021 (Report No. 2); and
  3. Effective Governance and Oversight Task Force meeting of December 15, 2021 (Report No. 10).

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**15. NEW BUSINESS – REVIEW OF ACCESS VAUGHAN**

**That staff report back on a comprehensive review of the current workings and capabilities of the contact centre system in Access Vaughan in an effort to significantly improve efficiencies from the view of residents.**

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Shefman.

**16. NEW BUSINESS – SNOW REMOVAL PROGRAM**

**That staff report back on the snow removal activities in the city dealing with the significant winter storm event on January 17, 2022, especially on the east side of the city.**

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Yeung Racco.

**17. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION) RESOLUTION  
JANUARY 18, 2022**

**The following resolution was passed to enable Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) to resolve into closed session for the purpose of discussing the following:**

- 1. CITY-WIDE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 001-2021  
APPEALS TO THE ONTARIO LAND TRIBUNAL**

(litigation or potential litigation)

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The meeting adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Alan Shefman, Chair