

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (1)**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**TITLE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ADVOCACY**

**FROM:**

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

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***Whereas,*** during the May 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole (2) meeting, Council approved a Strategic Intergovernmental Relations Framework and a Mandate and Terms of Reference for establishing an Intergovernmental Relations Sub-Committee; and

***Whereas,*** the City's intergovernmental relations efforts, as detailed in the Strategic Intergovernmental Relations Framework, are guided by three critical strategic actions: identify, advocate and collaborate on opportunities to advance Council-approved priorities and initiatives like combating traffic congestion, which continues to be a leading priority for Vaughan residents; and

***Whereas,*** in November 2023, the inaugural meeting of the City's Intergovernmental Relations Sub-Committee took place, chaired by Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, with further representation from vice-chair Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco and Ward 3 City Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca; and

***Whereas,*** this meeting discussed plans for a series of in-person networking opportunities led by Mayor Steven Del Duca to be held with Vaughan's provincial and federal elected representatives as opportunities to identify, advocate and collaborate with other government levels; and

***Whereas,*** plans are set for the first roundtable to take place in February 2024.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. That the February 2024 in-person advocacy networking opportunity reflects the 2022 to 2026 Term of Council Strategic Plan priorities and other critical city-building priorities for the community, in particular:
  - a. Concord + Kirby GO Stations
  - b. Community Safety and Well-being initiatives
    - i. Bail reform
    - ii. Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) export inspections
    - iii. Proposed: *Home & Vehicle Security Tax Credit*
  - c. Financial support for the settlement of asylum seekers
  - d. Financial support for McMichael Canadian Art Collection's capital campaign and future expansion efforts.

**Financial and Staff Resource Impact:**

N/A

**Attachments:**

[May 9, 2023, Committee of the Whole \(2\) report: Strategic Intergovernmental Relations Framework](#)