



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting Date: COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 7, 2019

Title: SUSTAINABLE NEIGHBOURHOOD RETROFIT ACTION PLAN (SNAP)

Submitted by: COUNCILLOR ALAN SHEFMAN – WARD 5

Whereas, the City of Vaughan approved Green Directions Vaughan, the Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan, in 2009;

Whereas, Green Directions Vaughan promotes sustainable neighbourhoods through the objective to “create a City with sustainable built form” (Objective 2.3);

Whereas, Green Directions Vaughan is being revised in 2019 and includes a specific action to undertake a Sustainable Neighbourhood Retrofit Action Plan (SNAP) project;

Whereas, citizens, government and insurance companies are recognizing the need for climate action and a growing list of Canadian cities have recently declared or officially acknowledged a global climate emergency;

Whereas, SNAP is a neighbourhood-based program developed by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority with the aim to help municipalities advance urban renewal and climate action projects, designed to address local environmental issues and community resilience, while building implementation partnerships and trust for long-term positive community engagement; and

Whereas, a SNAP project in the Thornhill area will use a collaborative approach to sustainable urban renewal, focusing on climate action and significantly enhance the planned community consultation for City initiatives, such as the Gallanough Park Stormwater Management Facility project, to achieve greater impact.

It is therefore recommended:

1. ***That*** the City of Vaughan commit to a SNAP project anchored by Gallanough Park in the Thornhill area that includes developing sustainability goals, specific targets, actions and an implementation and monitoring strategy;
2. ***That*** the City of Vaughan commit \$124,000 from Capital Project EN-1879-12 (Storm Water Management Facility Gallanough Park) and in-kind contribution of staff time valued at \$8,000 towards the cost of this initiative;
3. ***That*** the Interim City Manager be authorized to award a single source contract greater than \$100,000 to implement the SNAP project; and
4. ***That*** the City of Vaughan work collaboratively with the Springfarm Ratepayers' Association throughout the SNAP project.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Alan Shefman

Attachments

N/A