

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, January 23, 2024

TITLE: INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS ADVOCACY

FROM:

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

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](#)