

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Wednesday, June 4, 2025

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: SPECIAL COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION) EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSIONS – JUNE 2025

FROM:

Michael Genova, Deputy City Manager, Strategic Initiatives

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To pass a resolution to facilitate two Closed Session meetings for the purpose of Council education and training sessions.

Report Highlights

- This report requests that a Closed Session resolution be passed to facilitate Council education and training sessions, to be held on the following dates:
 - June 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.
 - June 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m.
- The education and training session on June 16, 2025 will be held at the Vaughan Studios & Event Space, on the topic noted.
- The education and training session on June 17, 2025 will be held in a hybrid meeting in Committee Room 242/243, on the topic noted.

Recommendations

1. THAT in accordance with Section 239(4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, that Council resolve into Closed Session on June 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., for the purpose of an education and training session on the following topic:
 - a. Term of Council Strategic Plan and Service Excellence Delivery Forecast
2. THAT in accordance with Section 239(4) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, that Council resolve into Closed Session on June 17, 2025, at 9:30 a.m., for the purpose of an education and training session on the following topic:

- a. Feasibility of the City Embracing Artificial Intelligence to Streamline and Improve the Planning Approval Process

Background

This report serves as the Closed Session resolution required under section 239(4) of the Municipal Act, 2001.

Education and training on topics that fall within the jurisdiction of municipal corporations in Ontario supports Council's ability to conduct its business in a manner which is both pragmatic and effective.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

In accordance with section 239(3.1) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, a meeting may be closed to the public when it is being conducted for the purpose of education and training of the Members. The Special Council (Closed Session) Education and Training Sessions are being conducted for Members of Council and will include the following education and training topics:

June 16, 2025

- a. Term of Council Strategic Plan and Service Excellence Delivery Forecast

June 17, 2025

- a. Feasibility of the City Embracing Artificial Intelligence to Streamline and Improve the Planning Approval Process

Agendas containing further details will be provided to Members of Council prior to the education and training sessions.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

Operational Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

To continue to build a culture of excellence in governance at the City of Vaughan requires a shared effort between Members of Council and staff. The education and training sessions will assist Members of Council in enhancing their understanding of the topics noted in this report.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281.

Attachments

N/A

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