

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) – DECEMBER 10, 2019**

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS**

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**Subject**

Memorandum from the Interim City Manager and the  
SC1. Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth  
Management, dated December 3, 2019.

Development Liaison Committee

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**DATE:** December 3, 2019

**TO:** Mayor and Members of Council

**FROM:** Tim Simmonds, Interim City Manager  
Jason Schmidt-Shoukri, Deputy City Manager,  
Planning & Growth Management

**RE: STAFF COMMUNICATION – December 10, 2019/CW(2)  
Development Liaison Committee**

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**STAFF COMMUNICATION**  
CW (2) - December 10/19

## 1. Purpose

The purpose of this Staff Communication is to provide Mayor and Council information regarding the Development Liaison Committee, “think tank”.

## 2. Analysis

The Development Liaison Committee (DLC) was established in June 2019 to consider and discuss a wide range of topics relating to the city building process.

The mandate of the DLC is to establish a solution-based approach with the development industry in order to provide clarity on how to advance City building (approvals, processes, and policy initiatives) and in a timely manner to meet changing market conditions.

Membership of this new “think tank” was advertised broadly and transparently through the BILD liaison group network and includes a balance of industry expertise ranging from low-rise residential, mid/high rise, mixed-use, commercial and employment use development. Gabe DiMartino, Co-chair of BILD has accepted a committee co-chair role, alternating with the DCM, Planning & Growth Management.

The “think tank” is the first of its kind in York Region and provides for dialogue and information sharing. Members work collaboratively towards mutually acceptable solutions and continuous improvement.

We are pleased to share the attached letter of support for the Committee from the Building Industry and Land Development Association.

For more information, contact Brandon Correia, Manager of Special Projects, ext. 8227.

Respectfully submitted,



Jason Schmidt-Shoukri  
Deputy City Manager,  
Planning & Growth Management



Tim Simmonds  
Interim City Manager

**Attachments:**

1. Letter from BILD – November 12, 2019



**BUILDING A GREATER GTA**  
Building Industry and Land  
Development Association

November 12, 2019

Mr. Jason Schmidt-Shoukri,  
Deputy City Manager  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario  
L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Schmidt-Shoukri,

**Re: City of Vaughan – BILD Development Liaison Committee Meetings**

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*With more than 1,500 member-companies BILD is the voice of the land development, home building and professional renovation industry in the Greater Toronto Area. Our industry is essential to York Region's long-term economic strength and prosperity. In 2018 alone, the residential construction industry in York Region generated over 50,000 on-site and off-site jobs in new home building, renovation and repair – a major source of employment in the Region. These jobs paid \$3.1 billion in wages and contributed \$6.5 billion in investment value to the local economy.*

On behalf of our York Chapter members, the Building Industry and Land Development Association (BILD) would like to take this opportunity to thank you for partnering with BILD to establish the Vaughan Development Liaison Committee ("DLC" or, the "Committee").

To date, a total of four DLC meetings have been organized and BILD members have expressed that it has been an excellent forum to bring the industry and staff together to hear and discuss various planning initiatives that impact the work of our members. The feedback from both industry members and senior staff has been very positive.

Interest in this sort of collaboration was indicated early on by the BILD York Chapter members. Since the kick-off meeting held on June 27<sup>th</sup>, each committee meeting has been well attended by senior City staff, as well as by TRCA and York Region staff. A multitude of topics have been discussed, including solutions to improve process timelines and achieve city-building priorities of Vaughan especially as they relate to delivering more housing supply and affordability. We value the collaborative, solutions-oriented spirit of the DLC and look forward to our continued efforts and positive results into the 2020 year.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Jaruczek  
Planner, Policy & Government Relations BILD

cc. Gabe DiMartino, BILD York Chapter Co-Chair  
Mike Mclean, BILD York Chapter Co-Chair  
Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council, City of Vaughan

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