

CITY OF VAUGHAN REPORT NO. 13 OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

For consideration by the Special Council of the City of Vaughan on March 17, 2020

The Special Committee of the Whole met at 5:02 p.m., on March 17, 2020.

Present: Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Chair

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate Councillor Tony Carella

The following items were dealt with:

1. UPDATE ON CITY RESPONSE TO COVID-19

The Special Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the verbal updates be received; and
- 2) That staff be authorized to make submissions to the Province and other levels of government, as applicable, on behalf of the City seeking the extension of applicable timelines and other relief from obligations and matters mandated by law, included but not limited to the Planning Act, in order to support City operations and/or provide appropriate relief to the residents of Vaughan during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 2. CITY OF VAUGHAN ECONOMIC MEASURES IN RESPONSE TO THE GLOBAL NOVEL CORONA VIRUS (COVID-19) PANDEMIC

The Special Committee of the Whole recommends:

1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Community Services and the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer, dated March 17, 2020, be approved.

Recommendations

- 1. That section 11(1), and any other section of City of Vaughan Bylaw 062-2018 as determined by the Director and Chief Licensing Officer be temporarily suspended for 30 days following Council approval of this recommendation, thereby allowing the loading and unloading of commercial vehicles, transport trucks, and other vehicles on a 24-hour basis at places of business in Vaughan.
- 2. That sections 7 and 8, and any other section of City of Vaughan Bylaw 284-94 as determined by the Director and Chief Licensing Officer be temporarily suspended for 30-days following Council approval of this recommendation, thereby suspending the limit imposed on the weight and size of vehicles on certain roads allowing for efficient movement of supply and goods.
- 3. That relevant sections of City of Vaughan Bylaws 029-2019 and 183-2019 as determined by the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer be suspended until June 1, 2020, namely collection of the four per cent Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) by transient accommodation providers in Vaughan.
- 4. That the City of Vaughan maintain frontline Small Business and Entrepreneurship Services designed to support and assist local businesses, regardless of other City service closures as a response to the global Covid-19 pandemic.
- 5. That the temporary suspensions to City of Vaughan Bylaws outlined in Recommendations #1-#3 above be subject to extension, subject to Council approval.
- 6. That staff be authorized to commence planning of long-range economic and fiscal measures to support and promote recovery of the local economy and key sectors, subject to Council approval.
- 7. That staff be authorized to bring effect to the recommendations in this report, and related operational and administrative matters presented in this report.
- 8. That all necessary bylaws be enacted.

3. DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY

The Special Committee of the Whole recommends:

1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Acting City Manager, dated March 17, 2020, be approved.

Recommendations

1. That Delegation of Authority By-laws, By-law 332-98, as amended, and By-law 144-2018, as amended, be amended as set out in this report.

4. UPDATES TO PROCEDURE BY-LAW FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING PARTICIPATION

The Special Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated March 17, 2020, be approved; and
- 2) That the use of electronic meetings be endorsed if approved by the Province.

Recommendations

- 1. That the amendments to Procedure By-law 7-2011, listed in Attachment #1, to facilitate electronic participation at Committee of the Whole and Council meetings be approved on a trial basis, and;
- 2. That the necessary amending by-law be enacted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco, Chair