

**CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 22 OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on June 29, 2020*

The Committee of the Whole met at 2:07 p.m., on June 9, 2020.

Council Member	In-Person	Electronic Participation
Councillor Tony Carella, Chair	X	
Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua	X	
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri		X
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati		X
Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson		X
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate		X
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca		X
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco		X
Councillor Alan Shefman		X

The following items were dealt with:

- 1. 2748355 CANADA INC. (QUADREAL BLOCK 3N) OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.19.006 ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.19.017 SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.18.075 3301 HIGHWAY 7 VICINITY OF REGIONAL ROAD 7 AND INTERCHANGE WAY MOBILIO DEVELOPMENTS LTD. FILE Z.19.018**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 9, 2020, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Stephen Albanese, IBI Group, St. Clair Avenue W, Toronto, on behalf of the applicant, be received.**

Recommendations

1. THAT Official Plan Amendment File OP.19.006 (2748355 Canada Inc.) BE APPROVED; to amend Vaughan Official Plan 2010 ('VOP 2010') and Volume 2 of VOP 2010, specifically the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre Secondary Plan (VMCSP), to add a new Site-

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Specific Policy Area on Schedule 'K' to permit the following:

- a. An increase to the maximum permitted building height from 30-storeys to a maximum building envelope not exceeding 59-storeys in height, in which each individual tower shall be limited to and not exceed the maximum geodetic height permissions prescribed in the Zoning By-law.
 - b. No minimum building heights apply for stand-alone commercial and accessory buildings and/or structures.
 - c. An increase to the maximum permitted density (Floor Space Index (FSI)) from 5.0 times the area of the lot to an FSI of 7.8 times the area of the lot.
 - d. An increase to the maximum permitted tower floor plate size from 750 m² to 820 m².
2. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.19.017 (2748355 Canada Inc.) and Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.19.018 (Mobilio Developments Ltd.) BE APPROVED; to amend By-law 1-88, as amended, as shown on Attachment 1 to permit:
- a. the transfer of 55,741.82 m² of unused Gross Floor Area from the Donor Site to the Receiver Site.
 - b. a maximum permitted Gross Floor Area of 105,177.48 m² on the Donor Site.
3. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.19.017 BE APPROVED to:
- a. amend By-law 1-88, as amended, in the manner shown on Attachment 2, together with the site-specific zoning exceptions as generally identified in Table 1 of this report.
 - b. permit the bonusing for increased building height and density for the proposed development shown on Attachments 2 to 18 in return for the following provision of off-site community benefits totaling \$1,093,781.00, pursuant to the Planning Act, the policies of VOP 2010 and the VMCSPP, and the City of Vaughan Guidelines for the Implementation of Section 37 of the Planning Act:
 - i. \$377,000.00 related to enhancements to the Millway Avenue Linear Park between Interchange Way and Exchange Avenue; and
 - ii. \$716,781.00 towards a reserve for a future cultural / community hub located south of the Subject Lands.

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4. THAT prior to the enactment of the implementing Zoning By-law, the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Section 37 Density Bonusing Agreement, pursuant to Section 37 of the Planning Act, for the implementation of the community benefits identified in Recommendations 3b. The Owner shall pay to the City the Section 37 Agreement surcharge fee in accordance with the Tariff of Fees By-law 191-2019 for Planning Applications, prior to the execution of the Section 37 Agreement.
5. THAT prior to the enactment of the implementing Zoning By-law, the Owner submit all outstanding and applicable planning fees to the satisfaction of the VMC Program.
6. THAT the Owner be permitted to apply for a Minor Variance Application(s) to the Vaughan Committee of Adjustment, if required, before the second anniversary of the day on which the implementing Zoning By-law comes into effect to permit adjustments to the implementing Zoning By-law.
7. THAT Site Development File DA.18.075, BE DRAFT-APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS identified on Attachment 20, to the satisfaction of the VMC Program to permit the proposed development.
8. THAT Vaughan Council adopt the following resolution for the allocation of water and sewage capacity:
 - a. "THAT Site Plan Development Application DA.18.075 (Phase 1) be allocated servicing capacity from the York Sewage Servicing / Water Supply System for a total of 1,295 residential apartment units (2,862 persons equivalent). The allocation of said capacity may be redistributed (at the discretion of the City) in accordance with the City's Allocation of Servicing Capacity Policy in the event that the development does not proceed to registration and/or building permit issuance within 36 months."
 - b. "THAT Site Plan Development Application DA.18.075 (Phase 2) be reserved servicing capacity from the York Sewage Servicing / Water Supply System for a total of 1,175 residential apartment units (2,597 persons equivalent). At the discretion of the City, this reservation shall automatically be revoked after a period of twelve (12) months in accordance with the City's Allocation of Servicing Capacity Policy."

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2. PROPOSED STREET NAME DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FILE 19T-16V002 NORTHCLIFFE DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT ON BEHALF OF CENTRA DEVELOPMENTS WARD 3 - NORTH-EAST CORNER OF MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE AND MILLWOOD PARKWAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the street name “Deanna Court” for the proposed street in approved Draft Plan of Subdivision File 19T-16V002, as shown on Attachment 1, be approved; and
- 2) That the following report of the Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 9, 2020, be received.

Recommendations

The Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management recommends:

1. THAT Council be advised the street name “Deanna Court” for the proposed street in approved Draft Plan of Subdivision File 19T-16V002, as shown on Attachment 1, is not consistent with the City of Vaughan Street Naming Policy approved by Vaughan Council on December 10, 2013 and therefore, should NOT BE APPROVED.

3. CHABAD LUBAVITCH SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.19.059 770 CHABAD GATE VICINITY OF BATHURST STREET AND CHABAD GATE

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 9, 2020, be approved; and
- 2) That the coloured elevations submitted by the applicant be received.

Recommendations

1. THAT Site Development File DA.19.059 (Chabad Lubavitch) BE DRAFT APPROVED SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS included in Attachment 1, to the satisfaction of the Development Planning Department, to permit the development of a 3-storey religious facility building as shown on Attachments 3 to 5.

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**4. **CONSEIL SCOLAIRE CATHOLIQUE MONAVENIR SITE
DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.20.005 200 ABERDEEN AVENUE VICINITY
OF LANGSTAFF ROAD AND PINE VALLEY DRIVE****

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report the Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 9, 2020, be approved; and**
- 2) That the coloured elevations submitted by the applicant be received.**

Recommendations

1. THAT Site Development File DA.20.005 (Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir) BE DRAFT APPROVED AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS included on Attachment 1, to the satisfaction of the Development Planning Department, to facilitate the development of a two-storey, 6,852 m² secondary school with a day nursery and associated play areas.

**5. **KLEINDOR DEVELOPMENTS INC. ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
FILE Z.18.033 DRAFT PLAN OF SUBDIVISION FILE 19T-18V003
VICINITY OF MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE AND REGIONAL ROAD 27****

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 9, 2020:

Recommendations

1. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.18.033 (Kleindor Developments Inc.) BE APPROVED, to amend Zoning By-law 1-88, to rezone the Subject Lands from “RD2 Residential Detached Zone Two” subject to site-specific Exception 9(1313) to “RD3 Residential Detached Zone Three”, in the manner shown on Attachment 3, together with the site-specific zoning exceptions identified in Table 1 of this report.
2. THAT the Owner be permitted to apply for a Minor Variance Application(s) to the City and/or the Vaughan Committee of Adjustment, if required, before the second anniversary of the day on which the implementing Zoning By-law for the Subject Lands came into effect, to permit minor adjustments to the implementing Zoning By-law.
3. THAT Draft Plan of Subdivision File 19T-18V003 (Kleindor Developments Inc.) BE APPROVED, to facilitate a residential plan of subdivision consisting of 27 lots for detached dwellings and three (3) blocks, as shown on Attachment 3, subject to the Conditions of Draft Plan of Subdivision Approval in Attachment 1.

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4. THAT Vaughan Council adopt the following resolution for the allocation of water and sewage servicing capacity:

“IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT Draft Plan of Subdivision File 19T-18V003 (Kleindor Developments Inc.) be allocated servicing capacity from the York Sewage Servicing / Water Supply System for a total of 28.5 residential units (88 persons equivalent) in accordance with the Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Pilot Project agreement between York Region, the Huntington Landowners Trustee Inc., and the City of Vaughan.”

**6. NASHVILLE DEVELOPMENTS (SOUTH) INC. ZONING BY-LAW
AMENDMENT FILE Z.19.015 SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.19.063
VICINITY OF HUNTINGTON ROAD AND MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning and Growth Management, dated June 9, 2020, be approved;**
- 2) That the following deputations be received:**
 - 1) Ms. Natalie Lam, Malone Given Parsons Ltd., Renfrew Drive, Markham, on behalf of the applicant;**
 - 2) Mr. Jagdeep Singh, Beaconsfield Drive, Kleinburg;**
 - 3) Mr. Mark-André Simard, Hunt Design Associates Inc., Woodbine Avenue, Markham, on behalf of the applicant; and**
- 3) That the coloured elevations submitted by the applicant be received.**

Recommendations

1. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.19.015 (Nashville Developments (South) Inc.) BE APPROVED to amend the “RVM2(H) Residential Urban Village Zone” with the Holding Symbol “(H)” of Zoning By-law 1-88, subject to site-specific Exception 9(1376), to rezone a portion of the subject lands from “OS2 Open Space Park Zone” to “RVM2(H) Residential Urban Village Zone” with the Holding Symbol “(H)”, and permit the site-specific zoning exceptions identified in Table 1 of this report.
2. THAT Site Development File DA.19.063 (Nashville Developments (South) Inc.) BE DRAFT APPROVED AND SUBJECT TO THE CONDITIONS identified on Attachment 1, to the satisfaction of the Development Planning Department, to facilitate the development of 32 townhouse and 40 back-to-back townhouse units accessed by a private common element condominium road.

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3. THAT Site Development File DA.19.063 be allocated servicing capacity from the York Sewage Servicing / Water Supply System for a total of 72 residential units (220 persons equivalent) in accordance with the Inflow and Infiltration Reduction Pilot Project agreement between York Region, the Huntington Landowners Trustee Inc., and the City of Vaughan.

7. AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE A WATER AND WASTEWATER ASSET OWNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH YORK REGION

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, and the Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development, dated June 9, 2020:

Recommendations

1. That the Director of Environmental Services, be authorized to execute the attached Water and Wastewater infrastructure Asset Ownership Agreement with York Region on behalf of the City.

8. KIPLING AVENUE - KIRBY ROAD TO 500M SOUTH OF TESTON ROAD SPEED REVIEW

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated June 9, 2020:

Recommendations

1. That Council approve the implementation of a speed limit reduction on Kipling Avenue from Kirby Road to 500m south of Teston Road, from 80km/h to 60 km/h; and
2. That a By-law be enacted to amend Schedule "E" Part 3 of the Traffic By-law 284-94, as amended, to add a speed limit reduction from 80 km/h to 60 km/h on Kipling Avenue from Kirby Road to 500m south of Teston Road; and
3. That a By-law be enacted to amend Schedule "E" Part 3 of the Traffic By-law 284-94, as amended, to add a speed limit of 60 km/h on Teston Road from Pine Valley Drive to Stegman's Mill Road; and
4. That the City Clerk forward a copy of this report to the York Regional Police and Region of York.

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9. MELVILLE AVENUE TRAFFIC OPERATIONS REVIEW

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated June 9, 2020:

Recommendations

1. That this report be received.

10. WOODLOT NAMING PROPOSAL

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That recommendation 1 contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated June 9, 2020, be deferred to Council to allow staff to provide information requested regarding the woodlot specific names and the terms “woodlot and/or woods”;
- 2) That the recommendations 2 and 3 contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated June 9, 2020, be approved; and
- 3) That Communication C1, memorandum from the Deputy City Manager, Public Works and the Director of Parks, Forestry and Horticulture Operations, dated June 8, 2020, be received.

Recommendations

1. The Woodlot Naming Proposal, as presented in this report, be approved.
2. The installation of signage be considered in the 2021 capital budget.
3. This report be forwarded to York Region Police and Emergency Medical Services.

11. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND SAFEGUARDING NATURAL WILDLIFE

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That recommendation 1 contained in the following resolution of Councillor Shefman, dated June 9, 2020, be amended to read as follows:
 1. That Vaughan Animal Services give consideration to hiring a staff person on a temporary basis (of up to 24 months) to be assigned to intensifying the City’s strategies relating to coyotes in residential areas;
- 2 That the recommendations 2 through 8 contained in the following resolution of Councillor Shefman, dated June 9, 2020, be approved.

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Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Shefman

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is aware of reports of coyotes in Thornhill and is taking action to address this situation. The City understands that some people in the community are intimidated by the presence of these animals on local streets;

Whereas, the City continues to intensify its activities to do everything possible in line with best industry standards to deal with this wildlife issue;

Whereas, the activities of the City are supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, which guides the City's actions related to wildlife as defined by the Ontario Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act;

Whereas, the City is committed to ensuring local streets, properties and neighbourhoods are unpleasant to coyotes;

Whereas, the City's prime focus is to create an environment that is uninviting to coyotes, encouraging them to exhibit more innate behaviours – including avoiding people – and retreating to more natural areas that people frequent less often;

Whereas, the possibility of relocating these animals is a potential strategy. While trapping and relocating is allowed under current provincial legislation, it has been determined that relocation is not an effective option as the animals can only be removed to a short distance of 1 kilometer from where they are captured as prescribed by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Coyotes will return to their home territory in a short period of time if displaced. Additionally, removal of coyotes often has the opposite of the intended effect and actually results in an increase in the coyote populations and expansion of their territories;

Whereas, trapping in urban areas, is a safety hazard for the community posing a danger for household pets, other wildlife and people. Trapping is generally contraindicated in residential areas for these reasons;

Whereas, there are coyote populations in all municipalities bordering Vaughan as well as natural areas such as in the Don River valley area east of Dufferin Street which is a natural habitat for these animals, making any consideration of eradication of the coyote population unrealistic and ineffective;

Whereas, there are a variety of activities that the City is currently pursuing to create a less attractive environment for coyotes, including, with the cooperation of local residents, attempting to limit sources of food – including our garbage – that attract them and working with York Region Transit to ensure trash cans at bus stops are cleared on a more frequent basis. As well the City is urging residents to only put their waste out on their collection day, rather than leaving it on the street overnight;

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Whereas, the City has also initiated a collaboration with Coyote Watch Canada – experts in this field – which has assigned a Canid Response and Outreach Team Representative to conduct an assessment in Thornhill with Vaughan Animal Services to advance our coyote strategy. We believe their assistance will result in intensifying our current efforts;

Whereas, we continue to liaise with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry on the application of the Provincial legislation;

Whereas, the City By-law and Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services department has entered into discussions with the University of Toronto Biology and Urban Studies Faculties to explore the possibility of partnering to conduct a data based and scientific analysis of coyotes in Vaughan;

Whereas, residents have an important role to play by making changes that will result in a less attractive environment for coyotes including:

- Removing food sources such as household garbage and bird feeders that attract rodents and vermin – which coyotes search for to eat.
- Placing waste out only on the collection day.
- Properly disposing of pet waste.
- Not feeding wildlife.
- Supervising pets – they should not be left unattended in the yard and dogs should be on a leash when on a walk.
- Carrying a bell, whistle or other noisemaker to contribute to hazing efforts, when on a walk in the neighbourhood. Make noise and then back away if a coyote is spotted – do not run.

Whereas, Vaughan Animal Services has continued to intensify its patrols in the affected area of Thornhill where coyote activity has taken place;

Whereas, Vaughan Animal Services is on call 24/7 to respond to residents concerns relating to the an imminent threat or emergencies involving coyotes in the Thornhill area;

Whereas, it is important for the public to remember that coyote sightings in urban residential areas is common and should not be cause for alarm. However, if a coyote poses an immediate threat or danger to public safety, people are advised to call 911 immediately;

Whereas, Thornhill Member of Provincial Parliament (MPP) Gila Martow has, in a media release (June 2, 2020), stated that “The City of Vaughan has been offered the full backing of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to do whatever needs to be done to ensure public safety from coyotes.”

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Whereas, in fact The Minister confirmed in his letter to the City (May 28, 2020), that the information provided within the letter is to assist the City “in making decisions and/or taking action with respect to protection of property related to coyote conflicts”

Whereas the City’s actions, even with the statements quoted above, must be in compliance with the Provincial wildlife legislation which, for example, restricts removal to only one kilometer from the capture site.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **That** Vaughan Animal Services immediately hire a staff person on a temporary basis (of up to 24 months) to be assigned to intensifying the City’s strategies relating to coyotes in residential areas.
 2. **That** the City post signs in the area urging people not to feed and to raise general coyote awareness.
 3. **That** the City of Vaughan By-law and Compliance Department continue its actions in the affected area to identify inviting conditions for coyotes that may be contributing to this presence. That the Officers observing property standards violations, uncovered garbage/compost, inappropriate food sources, littering in parks, long grass and unsupervised pets – all of which attract coyotes initiate strict enforcement to ensure properties are maintained in a manner that is less inviting to wildlife.
 4. **That** the City of Vaughan write to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry, requesting that the current legislation regarding wildlife be amended by adding a special section pertaining to managing conflicts between residents and wildlife in urban areas.
 5. **That** it be noted in the request to the Minister the difficulties and dangers of trapping and removal in an urban area.
 6. **That** the area MPP, Gila Martow be asked to lead the effort to update the legislation including bringing forward a private member’s bill as soon as possible.
 7. **That** the City of Vaughan, recognizing the special relationship that the aboriginal community has with wildlife, reach out to the local Aboriginal community to ask for advice and assistance in dealing with the current coyote issues
 8. **That** this Council Member’s Resolution be circulated to Vaughan’s MPPs, the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry and the Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry.
12. **INDIGENOUS HISTORY MONTH AND NATIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN**

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The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated June 9, 2020.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua

Whereas, the Government of Canada acknowledges June as National Indigenous History Month and National Indigenous Peoples Day on June 21 as a way to honour the history, heritage and diversity of Indigenous peoples in Canada as well as recognize the strength of present-day Indigenous communities;

Whereas, our city sits on the traditional territory of the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation, the Anishinaabe of the Williams Treaty First Nation, the Huron-Wendat and the Métis Nation with a history dating back centuries;

Whereas, each Council meeting begins with a land acknowledgement, so we may continue to foster a city with strong social cohesion and a clear sense of its culture and heritage;

Whereas, there are strong historical and cultural ties between the City of Vaughan and the Huron-Wendat Nation. The final resting place of many of their ancestors is located within our community and we are honoured to act as guardians to these sacred grounds;

Whereas, Vaughan is home to a site containing the remains of Huron-Wendat Nation ancestors, as well as a 500-year old village believed to have once been home to as many as 2,000 Indigenous Peoples, and we continue to demonstrate leadership in safeguarding the sanctity of historically significant sites;

Whereas, Indigenous History Month represents an opportunity to demonstrate and pay tribute to the strong Indigenous heritage that exists in our city and across all of Canada;

It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Mayor proclaim June as Indigenous History Month in Vaughan;
2. The Mayor proclaim June 21 as National Indigenous Peoples Day in Vaughan;
3. The proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.

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13. UN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY IN VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated June 9, 2020.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua

Whereas, World Environment Day was first recognized in 1974 by the United Nations to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment, and has subsequently been recognized by more than 100 countries, including Canada;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is dedicated to championing a healthier and greener environment that will continue to elevate the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors;

Whereas, in December 2019, Council adopted the new 2019 Green Directions Vaughan, the City's environmental sustainability plan that serves to guide all our city-building efforts toward initiatives that reinforce our commitment to environmental stewardship. This includes goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as enhance stormwater management, water conservation systems and waste reduction;

Whereas, Vaughan's commitment to environmental sustainability is woven into every aspect of city-building — from North Maple Regional Park, Vaughan's most ambitious park development with 900-acres of beautiful green space — to Edgeley Pond and Park, one of the city's state-of-the-art initiatives that will be the largest open space in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, the city's emerging downtown;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan remains committed to environmental initiatives that will continue to reduce our carbon footprint as well as strengthen our commitment to the environment, including our annual Earth Hour event, 20-minute Makeover, Community Garden Initiative, Electric Vehicle Workplace Charging Policy and Earth Day, among other initiatives;

It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Mayor proclaim June 5 as World Environment Day in Vaughan;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.

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14. PRIDE MONTH IN THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated June 9, 2020.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua

Whereas, Pride Month is recognized in June to commemorate the Stonewall riots, which occurred at the end of June 1969. The year 2020 marks the 51st anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising, a backlash to police harassment at a prominent gay bar in New York that is credited with sparking the modern LGBTQ2+ rights movement;

Whereas, Since 2003, the City of Vaughan has proclaimed Pride Week every year; since 2006, flown the rainbow flag during each Pride Week; and since 2016, has hosted an official flag-raising ceremony;

Whereas; the City of Vaughan remains committed to celebrating Pride Month by paying tribute to those in our community who have fought to achieve equality and acceptance – and those who continue that effort today;

Whereas, Pride Month is an opportunity to celebrate our vibrant and proud LGBTQ2+ community and the countless contributions and progress made towards building a more inclusive society. It is a meaningful way to honour the pioneers, trailblazers and all Canadians who work tirelessly to raise awareness about the rich culture and history of LGBTQ2+ rights;

Whereas, Vaughan is one of Canada's fastest growing and most diverse communities and embraces all dimensions of diversity and recently adopted the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, which is a community initiative to create a fair and equal environment for all;

It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Mayor proclaim June as Pride Month in Vaughan;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.

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15. NEW BUSINESS – CLOSING OF DISERA DRIVE

The Committee of the Whole recommends that:

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has been a stressful time for the residents of the City of Vaughan, and

Whereas the daily trends relating to new cases has been declining over the last few weeks and days in the province and in the City, and

Whereas a result of the declining cases the reopening of all sectors of our society has started to occur, and

Whereas providing pleasant and interesting places for people to enjoy will be supportive of community mental health, and

Whereas the Thornhill City Centre area is a high-density community with most people living in condominium apartments,

It is therefore recommended:

That staff, in cooperation with local merchants and Smart Centres, develop a plan to close Disera Drive, making it a pedestrian only area at set times (weekends) as determined through consultation with the impacted parties.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Shefman.

16. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

16.1 CONSIDERATION OF AD-HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

That the following Ad-Hoc Committee reports be received:

1. Heritage Vaughan Committee Meeting of May 25, 2020 (Report No. 3);
2. Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting of May 28, 2020 (Report No. 2); and
3. VMC Sub-Committee Meeting of May 27, 2020 (Report No. 1).

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16.2 STAFF COMMUNICATION

The Committee of the Whole recommends that the following Staff Communication, be received:

- SC1. Memorandum from the Acting Deputy City Manager, Planning & Growth Management, dated, June 3, 2020, subject "Update - Bartley Smith Greenway Pedestrian Underpass Partnership with Metrolinx";**
- SC2. Memorandum from the City Clerk, dated June 3, 2020, subject "List of Appointments – Economic Prosperity Task Force and Older Adult Task Force".**

The meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Tony Carella, Chair