

Ready, Resilient and Resourceful Committee Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 23, 2020

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: READY, RESILIENT AND RESOURCEFUL (RRR) COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL – TERMS OF REFERENCE

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval of the Terms of Reference for the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful (RRR) Committee of Council.

Report Highlights

- Staff have prepared Terms of Reference for the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful (RRR) Committee of Council.
- The mandate of the Committee is to address issues related to the City's response efforts to the global COVID-19 pandemic.

Recommendations

1. That the Terms of Reference for the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful (RRR) Committee of Council, as outlined in Attachment 1, be approved.

Background

At its meeting on May 27, 2020, Council adopted Item 28, Report No. 20 of the Committee of the Whole (2), a Member's Resolution submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua, titled "*Establishing the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful Committee of Council*". In so doing, Council approved the following recommendations:

1. That Vaughan Council establishes the new Ready, Resilient and Resourceful (RRR) Committee of Council with the mandate to address issues related to the City's response efforts to the global COVID-19 pandemic.
2. That the Head of Council chairs the RRR Committee of Council.
3. That the first meeting of the RRR Committee of Council takes place in June 2020.
4. That a Terms of Reference for the RRR Committee of Council is brought forward during its inaugural meeting for review and approval.
5. That the Procedure By-Law 7-2011, as amended, be amended to give effect to this resolution.

The Procedure By-law 7-2011 was amended by [By-law 069-2020](#) to establish the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful Committee as a Committee of the Whole.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Establishing the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful Committee of Council \(Report 20, Item 28, approved by Council on May 27, 2020\).](#)

Analysis and Options

On March 17, 2020, Mayor Bevilacqua declared a state of Local emergency in accordance with the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c E.9 s.4.(1)* ("EMCPA") in response to the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic to support municipal response and continuity of critical services. On March 17, 2020, due to the growing public health concerns surrounding the 2019 Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19), the Province declared a province-wide emergency under section 7.0.1 of the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* ("EMCPA").

Since that time, the City of Vaughan has undertaken a number of measures to fight the spread of the global COVID-19 pandemic. It is imperative that effective governance structures are in place so all Members of Council are further informed, that all parts of the community are represented and that the public can take part as the City responds to the new realities emerging because of the global COVID-19 pandemic. As COVID-19 persists, further action needs to be taken to ensure city-building continues.

The Ready, Resilient and Resourceful Committee of Council is intended to fill this role, as a mean to inform Council, represent the community and allow the public to participate in the process. The Terms of Reference in Attachment 1 were drafted with these goals in mind.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no Regional impacts/considerations associated with this report.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that Council approve the Terms of Reference for the Ready, Resilient and Resourceful (RRR) Committee of Council.

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

Attachments

1. The Ready, Resilient and Resourceful (RRR) Committee of Council – Terms of Reference

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