

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, February 04, 2020

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: SPECIAL COUNCIL (CLOSED SESSION) EDUCATION AND TRAINING SESSION – MARCH 4, 2020

FROM:

Tim Simmonds, Interim City Manager

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To pass a resolution to facilitate a Closed Session meeting for the purposes of a Council education training session.

Report Highlights

- This report requests that a Closed Session resolution be passed to facilitate a Council education training session to be held on March 4, 2020.
- The education training session will be held at The Arlington Estate, 8934 Huntington Road, Vaughan, on the topics noted.

Recommendations

1. That Council resolve into Closed Session on March 4, 2020, at The Arlington Estate, 8934 Huntington Road, Vaughan, for the purpose of an education and training session on the following topics:
 - a. Governance
 - b. Staff – Council Relations
 - c. Freedom of Information and Privacy Update

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

[Special Council \(Closed Session\) Education Training Session – February 7 & 8, 2019](#)

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 Session is being conducted for Members of Council and corporate management and will include the following education and training topics:

- a) Governance
- b) Staff – Council Relations
- c) Freedom of Information and Privacy Update

An agenda containing further details will be provided to Members of Council prior to the education session.

Financial Impact

The incidental expenses for conducting the education and training session, including venue and refreshments, will be funded from the Council Corporate Budget. Sessional expenses, such as fees for invited speakers, will be funded by the Office of the City Manager.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

There are no regional impacts.

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 session will assist Members of Council in enhancing their understanding of these tools for good governance.

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Attachments

None

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