

## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) - JANUARY 21, 2020
Title:	Donation in Support of Australian Wildfire Disaster Relief
Submitted by:	Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.

Whereas, the City of Vaughan and its citizens have experienced the effects of disasters during the tornado and ice storm and empathize with those affected by the Australian wildfires; and

*Whereas,* Australian authorities have declared a state of emergency due to catastrophic weather conditions and resulting devastating outcomes; and

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan has, over the years, reached out to provide assistance to communities in crisis in different parts of the world;

**Whereas,** the Australian Red Cross is helping thousands in evacuation and recovery centres, as well as providing training and equipment to volunteers; and

**Whereas,** the City of Vaughan, including members of the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service share in the mission and values of Australia's firefighters and other authorities to protect lives, property and the environment from adverse effects of fire, medical emergencies and other dangerous conditions;

It is therefore recommended:

- 1. That the City of Vaughan make a donation in the amount of \$15,000 to the Australian Red Cross' Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund; and
- 2. That the funds be allocated through the proceeds of the Mayor's Spirit of Generosity initiative.

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C. Mayor