

## **MEMBER'S RESOLUTION**

### **Committee of the Whole (1) Report**

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**DATE:** Tuesday, May 04, 2021

**TITLE:** PinkCars Initiative – COVID-19 vaccination support

**FROM:**

Regional Councillor Linda Jackson

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**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan continues to work in close collaboration with York Region to take decisive and meaningful action to protect residents, businesses and staff from COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, both the City and Region remain in constant collaboration with provincial and national health agencies, receiving regular updates as the COVID-19 pandemic evolves. This allows the City and Region to take well-informed and meaningful steps towards stopping the spread of COVID-19; and

**Whereas**, as of April 27, nearly 400,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses have been administered to York Region residents. The City's Maple Community Centre continues to operate as a vitally crucial COVID-19 vaccine clinic serving the people of Vaughan; and

**Whereas**, compassionate, dedicated and hardworking individuals support Vaughan and communities throughout York Region. This includes the remarkable volunteers from PinkCars – an organization providing COVID-19 vaccination support for seniors aged 70+ in York Region; and

**Whereas**, each day, PinkCars volunteers help members of the older adult community book vaccination appointments and take people safely to and from their scheduled appointments. PinkCars volunteers offer their complimentary services in multiple different languages, thereby supporting Vaughan's diverse and multicultural community further; and

**Whereas**, PinkCars is seeking communications support for its services and additional community volunteers to assist with the group's mission to respond to the global COVID-19 pandemic by addressing access to care and support issues facing many of Vaughan and York Region's most vulnerable residents.

**It is therefore recommended:**

1. The City's Corporate and Strategic Communications department promote the passage of this resolution in support of PinkCars and its mandate on the appropriate corporate communications channels, including issuing a news release to local, national, and cultural media outlets; and
2. That this resolution is shared with York Region Council, all York Region-area Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament and York Region lower-tier municipalities.