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TO: Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct Advisory Task Force

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RE: Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct Government Relations Advocacy and Next Steps

The Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct (VHCP) Advisory Task Force wishes to move forward with a government relations advocacy plan to secure provincial and federal support and funding toward the VHCP initiative. The VHCP is inclusive of a presence from York University, Mackenzie Health, and ventureLAB.

Accordingly, this memo recommends:

1. That the VHCP Advisory Task Force endorse the proposal to advance the following to the City of Vaughan's Council for consideration¹:
 - Enter negotiations for City-owned land for York University to:
 - Maintain "a dedicated facility to provide research, teaching, innovation, community engagement and administrative space at the VHCP. This facility in phase 1 would likely be in the range of 150,000-200,000 square feet in size, to accommodate faculty, students and staff and all related programming."
 - Enter negotiations for City-owned land for Mackenzie Health to:
 - "Continue to expand access to services to enable our residents of Vaughan to receive high quality care close to home. Ability to expand outside of current hospital allocated blocks would provide additional capacity for health and regional services."
 - Support ventureLAB initiatives that can be housed at the future VHCP to:
 - "Explore the establishment of an innovation centre with VHCP partners to broaden and strengthen Vaughan's entrepreneurial community while driving commercialization at scale."
2. That a government relations advocacy plan be developed to support the recommendation in the memorandum, including business plans and clear asks of other levels of government, to support the development of the VHCP. The plan should:
 - Advance the high level vision established in the approved Feasibility Study for a health focused district
 - Raise awareness about the VHCP with relevant stakeholders
 - Pursue funding and legislative support for advancing the VHCP up to the establishment of a York University facility, Mackenzie Health expansion, and ventureLAB services.

¹ Note that Council approval will be sought to enter into negotiations for land at the Vaughan Healthcare Centre Precinct.