

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 28, 2005

Item 25, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 28, 2005.

25 **CITY OF VAUGHAN CITIZENS' CHARTER OF RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**
(Referred from the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of February 15, 2005)

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) **That the revised City of Vaughan Declaration of Citizens' Rights & Responsibilities, provided by Councillor Carella, be approved;**
- 2) **That the dissemination of the City of Vaughan Declaration of Citizens' Rights and Responsibilities to households, businesses and elementary and secondary schools within the City of Vaughan, and to GTA municipalities in the Province of Ontario, be approved; and**
- 3) **That the following report of Councillor Carella, dated February 7, 2005, be received.**

Committee of the Whole (Working Session), at its meeting of February 15, 2005, recommended:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 21, 2005.

Council, at its meeting of February 14, 2005, adopted the following:

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of February 15, 2005.

Report of Councillor Carella, dated February 7, 2005

Recommendation

Councillor Carella recommends the adoption and dissemination of the *City of Vaughan Citizens' Charter of Rights and Responsibilities* to households, businesses and elementary and secondary schools within the City of Vaughan; and to other municipalities in the Province of Ontario.

Purpose

To educate the citizens of Vaughan in respect of their rights and responsibilities vis-à-vis the municipal corporation and their fellow citizens.

Background - Analysis and Options

There is a concern over the collective decline in the sense of community, particularly in the notion of mutual obligation to respect the rights of others and meet one's own responsibilities to fellow citizens. To address this issue, Councillor Carella suggested the development of a document which would outline the rights of citizens vis-à-vis their municipal government, and their responsibilities vis-à-vis such government and fellow citizens. Councillor Carella presented this charter at the last budget committee meeting of 2004, in anticipation of any costs which might be connected to its publication. The final draft is attached for the consideration of this committee, and by Council at its meeting of February 14, 2005.

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The statement which begins Vaughan Vision 2007 reads: “The City of Vaughan will be a model community that places citizens first through service excellence.” The creation and dissemination of a *City of Vaughan Citizens’ Charter of Rights and Responsibilities* will establish Vaughan as a model in the field of citizenship education.

Conclusion

The *City of Vaughan Citizens’ Charter of Rights and Responsibilities* will help those who live and work within the boundaries of the City of Vaughan to appreciate what are their rights and responsibility vis-à-vis their local government and fellow residents and co-workers.

Attachments

City of Vaughan Citizens’ Charter of Rights and Responsibilities

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)