

Vaughan Government Relations Committee

Mission

To facilitate dialogue between all levels of government and our membership.

Vision

We shall have a voice that influences policy decisions to support the best interests of our members.

Purpose

1. Educate members on policy and issues
2. Advocacy
3. Liaise with all levels of government
 - Presentation series
 - Consultation series
4. Maintain contact on a web page

The Committee is built upon four Pillars of Delivery:

1. Advocacy
2. Policy Development
3. Presentation to and Consultation with Government Representatives
4. Education of Members

Pillar 1: Advocacy

- Advocate to all levels of government to influence policy development
 - Municipal budget process
 - Provincial (Potentially with Ontario Chamber of Commerce)
 - Federal Pre-budget
- Represent the best interest of our members on policy implementation (Regional and Municipal levels)

Pillar 2: Policy Development

- Develop one or more policy submissions to the OCC or CCC on an annual basis
- To obtain input from members on issues that are relevant

Pillar 3: Presentation to and consultation with Government Representatives

- Mayors lunch (Feb)
- Federal pre-budget consultation (Jan.) – need to move to the Fall
- Post budget breakfast provincially (Mar. / Apr.)
- Municipal budget process (Fall)
- Hold one major event each year with a Minister – alternating between Federal and Provincial (most recent – Federal Election Debate 2015)

Pillar 4: Education of Members

- Develop content and format for pillar # 3
- Assign committee individuals to become knowledgeable and aware of issues at different government levels (acquiring expertise)
- Policy web page and/or LinkedIn
 - History
 - Positions/issues
 - Calendar / events / elections
 - Definitions of policy and advocacy
 - Who to contact: Phone list (for all levels of government) to the membership