

Hello Town Clerk's Staff,

Please note the following response to Delegate Request Application has been submitted at Thursday February 4th 2021 11:33 AM with reference number 2021-02-04-123.

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Application Information

- **First Name:**
Wendy
- **Last Name**
Roberts
- **Email Address:**
- **Phone number:**
- **Street Address:**
- **Town**
Milton
- **Postal Code:**
- **Are you representing a group?**
Yes
- **Group Name**
Italian Cultural Centre of Milton (ICCM)
- **Street Address:**
104 Tremaine Road
- **Town**
Milton

- **Postal Code:**
L9T 2W9
- **Council Meeting Date**
2/8/2021
- **Please indicate how you intend to interact with the online Council Meeting**
Both audio and video
- **Please describe the issue you intend to present:**
I wish to speak to Report DS-005-21 - "We Make Milton Visioning Report"

Staff are asking Council to endorse the proposed Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. These are the building blocks of the future work to be undertaken in the creation of the next Official Plan. The report acknowledges that indigenous engagement is an important and necessary part of We make Milton. However, a strategy for indigenous engagement is still being developed which suggests the indigenous community/communities have not been engaged in We make Milton to date which suggests the indigenous community/communities have not had input into the draft Vision Statement or the Guiding Principles. If the Town is going to be successful in engaging the indigenous community/communities in the We make Milton process going forward, I suggest that Council reserve its endorsement until the indigenous community/communities is/are engaged and have a meaningful opportunity for input. Further, although the Community Leadership Committee members have had an opportunity to respond to some key questions posed by Town staff, including our thoughts about the proposed Vision Statement, we haven't come together as a Committee to discuss and share our ideas. There is a synergy created when individuals representing different interests and backgrounds come together. This provides a richer pool of ideas (indeed "choices") which has the potential to produce an optimum outcome for all.

- **Please describe specific actions you want Council to take:**
Recognize the work of the We Make Milton team. I think this is probably this is the best example of community engagement of the Milton community by the Town.

Reserve endorsement of the proposed Vision Statement and Guiding Principles until: a) the indigenous engagement strategy is developed and implemented to ensure the indigenous community/communities

have an opportunity to provide input into the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles, the building blocks of the next steps of "We make Milton" and the Official Plan. b) the Community Leadership Committee has a chance to meet, meet one another and discuss the proposed Vision Statement and Guiding Principles.

- **Staff Report Number (if known)**
DS-005-21

- **Please provide your comments in support of or in opposition to the staff recommendation:**

As per above, I believe it is premature to ask Council to endorse the proposed Vision Statement until: a) the Town's indigenous engagement strategy is developed and implemented in order that the indigenous community/communities have had an opportunity to provide input. b) the Community Leadership Committee has an opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed Vision Statement and Guiding Principles. We haven't yet had that opportunity.

I have attached the ICCM's submission response to the We Make Milton "Visioning Report" and the key questions posed to members of the Community Leadership Committee (CLC). As per my the response to C - "What does the proposed planning vision 'Choice Shapes Us' mean to you (page 7). I understood the CLC would have had an opportunity to meet and discuss the Vision Statement and the Guiding Principles prior to Council being asked to endorse those. Please refer to the second paragraph (page 2) of the ICCM submission re the ICCM's desire to advance reconciliation with indigenous peoples. Please see the answers on page 14 of the ICCM submission in response to F ("Do you have any additional comments?").

- **Optional: Upload the written submission that you wish to share with Council (single document, maximum 15 MB)**
 1. [We Make Milton CLC feedback from the ICCM October 19 2020 \(1\).pdf \[763.3 KB\]](#)

Do you give your permission to be audio and video recorded on the Town of Milton's live Council meeting stream?

Yes I give my permission