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MOUSTACHE SHAVING RAISES AWARENESS AND \$4,000 FOR PROPOSED HEALTH CARE FACILITY

VAUGHAN, ON – At a fundraising event held yesterday, students of Kleinburg Public School shaved off the moustaches of Mayor Michael Di Biase, City Manager Michael DeAngelis and the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications Frank Miele to raise awareness and funds for a proposed health care facility in Vaughan.

“While we had a great time, we should remember that there was a serious purpose behind our visit,” said Mayor Di Biase. “The City of Vaughan is in need of a major health care facility to serve our rapidly growing population. The City’s current population is 240,000 and based on our official plan, this number will rise to 340,000 over the next 10 to 15 years.”

The Vaughan Health-Care Facility Study Task Force was created by Vaughan Council in 2003 to determine the level of need. The study concluded that there was a need for a health facility that would include a community hospital on a ‘Campus of Care’ with additional services such as a wellness centre, long-term care facilities and specialty clinics. Approved by Vaughan Council and York Regional Council, the study was submitted to the provincial Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care in June 2005.

The Vaughan Health Care Foundation, formed to help the City would move forward with its efforts to establish Vaughan’s first hospital, is currently in discussion with the ministry to bring the facility to Vaughan as early as 2007-08.

“Public involvement will demonstrate to the ministry our high level of community support. Vaughan residents are encouraged to contact their MPPs to voice their concerns,” said Mayor Di Biase.

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