

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 1, 2004

ACTING MAYOR BY-LAW

(Referred from the Council Meeting of February 23, 2004)

Council, at its meeting of February 23, 2004, adopted the following:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 1, 2004, for a staff report outlining the provision in the municipal act regarding this matter; and
- 2) That the memorandum from the City Clerk, dated February 19, 2004, be received.

Report of the City Clerk dated February 16, 2004

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services recommends that a by-law be enacted to appoint an Acting Mayor.

Purpose

To revise the current Acting Mayor By-law to accommodate the change in the office of Regional Councillors from two to three.

Background - Analysis and Options

By-law 237-92 providing for an Acting Mayor when the Head of Council is absent from the municipality or absent through illness, or the office is vacant, has been in place since July 20, 1992. This by-law provides that in the absence of the Mayor, the Regional Councillor who received the most votes at the previous election (the senior Regional Councillor) should act from time to time in place of the Mayor in his or her absence, through absence from the municipality or due to illness, or in his or her absence the other Regional Councillor would act instead of the Mayor.

There is a need to change this by-law to accommodate the current situation. It is being recommended the by-law should provide that in the absence of the Mayor, the Regional Councillor who received the highest number of votes in the previous election, act instead of the Mayor and in his or her absence the Regional Councillor who received the second highest number of votes in the previous election act in place of the Mayor and in his or her absence, the Regional Councillor with the third highest votes in the previous election act in place of the Mayor.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007, section 5.1 – To ensure effective political leadership.

Conclusion

It would be appropriate to enact a by-law to provide for an Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.

Attachments

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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