

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

COUNCIL VACANCY – WARD 5

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- (1) That the Office of Local Councillor – Ward 5 be declared vacant; and
- (2) That one of the following options be adopted to fill the vacancy:

Option 1 – By-Election

That the City Clerk be directed to conduct a by-election in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act to fill the vacancy to the office of Local Councillor – Ward 5.

Option 2 – Appointment

That the vacancy to the position of Local Councillor – Ward 5 be filled by appointment.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of the options available to fill the vacancy in Ward 5 as a result of the recent election of former Councillor Susan Kadis as Member of Parliament for the Federal riding of Thornhill.

Background - Analysis and Options

Former Ward 5 Local Councillor Susan Kadis was elected on June 28th, 2004 for the Federal riding of Thornhill. Subsequently she resigned her positions on Council, Hydro Vaughan Energy Corporation and Hydro Vaughan Holdings Incorporation effective July 9, 2004 (Attachment #1).

Council has the option to fill the vacancy through a by-election or by appointment. Prior to selecting one of these options, Council must declare the office of Local Councillor – Ward 5 to be vacant.

Should Council choose to fill the vacancy through a by-election, the City Clerk should be directed to conduct a by-election to fill the vacancy. The cost of a by-election would be approximately \$120,000.00. The date of the by-election would be approximately two and one half months after Council passes a by-law indicating a by-election is required.

Should Council choose to fill the vacancy by an appointment, the appointment must be made within 60 days of the date the vacancy is declared.

Council has directed by resolution that the Boards of Directors of Hydro Vaughan Energy Corporation and Hydro Vaughan Holdings Inc. be the Members of Council. Consequently whomever fills the vacancy will also sit on these boards.

In the past Council has filled vacancies by appointment and through a by-election.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Council direction is requested with respect to filling the vacancy for the Office of Local Councillor – Ward 5.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Letter of Resignation

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach
City Clerk

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CITY OF VAUGHAN
CLERKS DEPARTMENT



Susan Kadis
Councillor, Ward 5

July 9, 2004

Mr. John Leach
Clerk, City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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Dear Sir:

Please accept this letter as formal notice of my resignation as Ward 5 Councillor effective immediately.

I am also resigning my position as a Director of Hydro Vaughan Energy Corporation and Hydro Vaughan Holdings Incorporated effective immediately.

Also, please be advised that any salary arising from these positions should be discontinued effective June 28, 2004.

If you require additional information, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Susan Kadis