

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2005

SIGN ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

That the following resolution be approved:

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has witnessed the proliferation of illegal signs across the municipality

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has received numerous complaints from residents concerning the proliferation of illegal signs across the municipality

AND WHEREAS The City of Vaughan ByLaw department continually wastes time, money and resources in its attempts to stop the proliferation of illegal signs

AND WHEREAS the current City of Vaughan Sign By-Law limits the extent to which the proliferation of illegal signs can be stopped by prohibiting charges being laid against the party whose name is contained in the sign

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan is requesting that the Province provide the City with more authority and autonomy to address local issues

No therefore be it resolved:

That the City of Vaughan requests to the province that they consider strengthening the Municipal Act, R.S.O 1990 in order to allow local municipalities to charge and recoup costs for illegal signage from those whose name is on the sign rather than the current law which only permits charges to be laid unless its placement is witnessed by a party thereto.

That this resolution be circulated to Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, the Hon. John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Hon. Greg Sorbara, MPP, King-Vaughan-Aurora & Minister of Finance, Mario G. Racco – MPP Thornhill, and other MPP's within municipalities of the GTA and the City of Toronto.

Economic Impact

N/A

Purpose

To address the ongoing issues of illegal signs in the City of Vaughan

Background - Analysis and Options

Currently, there are many illegal signs placed throughout the municipality. The City of Vaughan By-Law department wastes time and money every year removing these illegal signs with no consequence to the violators. By implementing such an initiative, whereby businesses or persons whose names are contained as content on the sign are fined for the illegal sign, would help to enforce a penalty for the placing of illegal signs in the City.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

1.3.1 Develop and implement innovative alternatives for service delivery

2.3.2 Implement new value added services and enhance existing service sot recovery programs.

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

Conclusion

Such a resolution would help the By-law Department recover some of the costs they spend in trying to monitor illegal signs in the municipality. As well, such an initiative may reduce the number of illegal signs being placed in the municipality.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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