

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 7, 2008**

### **REPRESENTATION BY POPULATION**

#### **Recommendation**

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends that:

1. The City of Vaughan express its support for fair Representation by Population and equitable representation in the House of Commons;
2. The City of Vaughan urge the Federal Government to consider changes to Bill C-22 to ensure the fair and equitable representation for Ontarians; and
3. That this resolution be forwarded to Prime Minister Stephen Harper Ontario, Premier Dalton McGuinty and all Vaughans' MP's and MPP's.

#### **Economic Impact**

Nil.

#### **Communications Plan**

Staff to advise the various parties as outlined above.

#### **Purpose**

To ensure that the residents of the City of Vaughan, in the Province of Ontario have fair representation in the House of Commons.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The founding principles of Confederation are representation by population and the equitable apportionment of seats in the House of Commons. Changes are being proposed by the Federal Government in Bill C-22 which would add some seats in the House of Commons. As a Province, Ontario continues to remain underrepresented. Under the proposed legislation, Members of Parliament from Ontario will continue to represent a greater number of constituents than Members of Parliament in other provinces, effectively reducing the representation of Ontarians.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

This relates to Vaughan Vision 2020 under the initiative to demonstrate leadership and promote effective governance.

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

#### **Regional Implications**

Nil

#### **Conclusion**

It is my belief that we should ensure that our citizens are equitably represented in the House of Commons.

**Attachments**

Nil

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Respectfully submitted,

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