

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE    JUNE 23, 2009**

**DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT**

**Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS Health care is a provincial responsibility; and

WHEREAS Growth places an additional demand on local healthcare; and

WHEREAS The "local share" is a significant additional cost to the property taxpayer; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Provincial Government amend the Development Charges Act to permit the collection of development charges to fund the "local share" component of hospital funding;
2. That this resolution be circulated to the following;

York Region Council  
Durham Council  
Peel Council  
Halton Council  
Minister of Finance (Ontario)  
Minister of Health  
Minister of Municipal Affairs  
MPP Greg Sorbara  
MPP Peter Sherman  
York Region MP's  
City of Toronto Council  
Leader of the Opposition  
Leader of the NDP  
Premier of Ontario  
Associations of Municipalities of Ontario

**Contribution to Sustainability**

To ensure financial sustainability towards hospital projects.

**Economic Impact**

None at this time but should this recommendation be approved it would provide significant financial benefit to the City as well as to all taxpayers.

**Communications Plan**

As outlined above

**Purpose**

To amend the Development Charges Act to permit the collection of funds through Development Charges in part or in full, to be directed to the community component toward funding for a hospital.

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

In 1998 amendments to the Development Charges Legislation specifically excluded growth related Hospital Projects from Development Charges. Given that Health Care is a provincial responsibility, at the very least the Provincial Government should allow collection of Development Charges to cover the local share of hospital funding. We recognize that the need for a new hospital is a direct result of new growth in the area. Local property taxes pays in part towards other provincial responsibilities such as Education and Social Services. This is one more burden that places tremendous hardship on the local property taxpayer. This would clearly sustain the affordability of a Hospital in Vaughan in favor of all residents.

### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

In relation to the Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan, this recommendation will ensure Financial Sustainability and it will enhance and ensure Community Health and Wellness.

### **Regional Implications**

This proposal if approved would provide some relief on the regional taxes used to make up the local share of hospital funding.

### **Conclusion**

This recommendation would provide significant financial relief to the City and its taxpayers.

### **Attachments**

NIL

### **Report prepared by:**

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Rosati  
Regional Councillor