



The City Above Toronto

February 21, 2002

NOTICE
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Take Notice that Mayor L. Jackson has directed that an emergency Council Meeting be held on Friday, February 22, 2002 at 1:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers for which the Procedure By-law #377-98 with respect to Notice must be waived, for the purpose of discussing the following:

1. City of Toronto Policy and Finance Committee proposal to extend the life of the Keele Valley Landfill Site.

A. Moore
Deputy City Clerk

CITY OF VAUGHAN
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
AGENDA
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2002
1:30 P.M.

1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA
2. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST
3. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION
4. BY-LAWS
5. CONFIRMING BY-LAW
6. MOTION TO ADJOURN

MEETING INFORMATION
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SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 22, 2002

**1. CITY OF TORONTO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE KEELE VALLEY LANDFILL SITE**

Report of the City Manager and comments from Mr. Greg Sorbara, MPP, Vaughan-King-Aurora and Mr. Bill Fisch, Chair, The Regional Municipality of York.

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CITY OF TORONTO POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE PROPOSAL TO EXTEND THE LIFE OF THE KEELE VALLEY LANDFILL SITE

Recommendation

That the City of Vaughan Council express to the Council of the City of Toronto in the strongest possible terms that it opposes any and all initiatives by the City of Toronto to extend the life of the Keele Valley Landfill Site beyond its stated and agreed upon closure date of December 31, 2002; it being pointed out that:

- a) the City of Toronto has consistently committed that the Keele Valley Landfill Site will close on or before December 31, 2002, and has, in a public forum, utilized this information to its advantage in securing City of Vaughan approval to support site boundary and Certificate of Approval modifications on lands adjacent to the Keele Valley Landfill Site;
- b) the Keele Valley Landfill Site is physically positioned on and within the official boundaries of the Oak Ridges Moraine and as such should be totally protected from any further landfill growth or expansion in any form and closed on schedule on or before December 31, 2002;
- c) the headwaters of the Don River source are immediately underneath the physical mass of the Keele Valley Landfill Site. To maintain the integrity of the existing aquifer(s), no consideration should be given to any expansion and the site close by December 31, 2002;
- d) the Maple Community has been developing as a residential community consistent with the commitment that the site would close when it reached its approved limits of capacity and any reversal of that commitment by the City of Toronto will be vigorously opposed by all parties. With the knowledge and concurrence of the City of Toronto, OPA #535 was approved by the Region of York (providing for primarily recreational uses), a Master Park Plan for the Keele Valley Landfill Site and its environs was prepared and implementation has commenced, all predicated on a 2002 closure date; and,
- e) the City of Vaughan and the Maple Community have for 20 years honoured the waste management agreement entered into with the City of Toronto (formerly Metro Toronto) and has accepted waste within its boundaries from Toronto, the Region of York and other jurisdictions, all on the understanding that the site will close upon reaching approved Ministry of the Environment capacity of 33,125,254 cubic metres;

That for the above-noted reasons, the City of Toronto Council be formally requested to maintain its commitment to a December 31, 2002 or sooner, closure of the Keele Valley Site and to not endorse or ratify the recommendation from its Policy and Finance Committee to expand the life of Keele Valley Landfill Site, but rather, commence the preparation of Closure Plan pursuant to the Site's Certificate of Approval and request of the Ministry of the Environment an Order closing Keele Valley as its volumetric capacity has fundamentally been reached;

And further, that the Minister of the Environment, The Honourable Elizabeth Witmer and the Director be urged to give no consideration whatsoever to any request from the City of Toronto to extend the life of the Keele Valley Landfill Site beyond December 31, 2002;

And further, that the Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Mike Harris, all candidates in the leadership race for the leader of the Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario, The Honourable Gregory Sorbara, M.P.P. for Vaughan-King-Aurora, Ms. Tina Molinari, M.P.P. for Thornhill, The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Leader of the Opposition, Chairman Bill Fisch and the Members of the Council of the Region of York and the Public at large be strongly encouraged to express their unqualified support to the committed closing of the Keele Valley Landfill Site on or before December 31, 2002;

And further, that Staff be authorized to take all necessary steps, including the retention of external legal counsel and other consultants as may be required from time to time to ensure that the Keele Valley Landfill Site is closed no later than December 31, 2002.