



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
JUNE 24, 2008**

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**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, JUNE 24, 2008**

**MINUTES**

**1:00 P.M.**

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chambers in Vaughan, Ontario, at 1:12 p.m.

The following members were present:

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri, Chair  
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Alan Shefman  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

**176. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Carella  
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

**177. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

**178. COMPLIANCE AUDIT REPORT  
2006 MUNICIPAL ELECTION CAMPAIGN FINANCES  
LINDA D. JACKSON**

MOVED by Councillor Shefman  
seconded by Councillor Carella

That Council resolve into Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) for the purpose of receiving advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 1:14 p.m.

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco  
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Council reconvene into public session.

CARRIED

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Council reconvened into public session at 5:24 p.m. with the following members present.

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri, Chair  
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Alan Shefman  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

MOVED by Councillor Shefman  
seconded by Councillor Carella

WHEREAS Council has received, reviewed, and considered the Report of Ken Froese and Glen R. Davison dated June 18, 2008, being the Compliance Audit Report regarding the 2006 municipal election campaign finances of Linda D. Jackson;

AND WHEREAS the Compliance Audit Report has identified numerous apparent contraventions of the Municipal Elections Act, regarding the election campaign finances of Linda D. Jackson;

AND WHEREAS Council has received and considered the legal advice of Timothy J. Wilkin on June 24, 2008;

AND WHEREAS the obligation to commence legal proceedings in respect of such contraventions under the Municipal Elections Act falls to Council;

AND WHEREAS it is important for all concerned to avoid any perception of bias as legal proceedings move forward.

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VAUGHAN RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the City of Vaughan institute the laying of charges against Linda D. Jackson under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996; and
2. That Mr. Timothy J. Wilkin of Cunningham, Swan, Carty, Little & Bonham LLP, be retained to conduct the prosecutions and to proceed in a timely manner; and
3. That the charges to be laid shall be those for which reasonable and probable grounds exist for believing that an offence has been committed, as may be determined in the legal opinion of Timothy J. Wilkin; and
4. That the retainer includes instructions that Timothy J. Wilkin have the authority, in his sole discretion:
  - i) to withdraw any charge, or charges, against Linda D. Jackson if, in his opinion, the available evidence in respect of a charge or charges does not provide a reasonable likelihood of obtaining a conviction; and
  - ii) to conduct any pre-trial or trial proceedings necessary, and to summon such witnesses as may be required including, if necessary, the retaining of experts to appear as witnesses; and
  - iii) to enter into negotiations with respect to the charges for the purposes of establishing an agreed statement of facts, a plea bargain and/or a joint submission to the Court in respect of penalty; and
  - iv) to enter into a binding plea bargain agreement; and

- v) to establish what penalty to seek from the Court upon a conviction; and
- vi) to provide regular status reports to the City Solicitor for her information.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY UPON A RECORDED VOTE

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Councillor Carella  
Regional Councillor Ferri  
Councillor Meffe  
Regional Councillor Rosati  
Councillor Shefman  
Councillor Yeung Racco

**179. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

MOVED by Councillor Carella  
seconded by Councillor Meffe

THAT By-law Number 205-2008, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on June 24, 2008, be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

**180. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Shefman  
seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

THAT the meeting adjourn at 5:29 p.m.

CARRIED

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Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri,  
Acting Mayor

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Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk