

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 7, 2001

WOODBIDGE IMMIGRATION OFFICE

Recommendation

Councillor Ferri recommends:

That the Council of the City of Vaughan support the continued operation of the Woodbridge Immigration office at its present location; and

that the Citizenship & Immigration Commission be notified of Council's position and requests that the Citizenship & Immigration Commission take all possible action to maintain this office in Vaughan.

Background

There is a proposal within the Citizenship & Immigration Commission to merge and relocate the Woodbridge office to the Etobicoke office. The office currently processes over 10,400 citizenship applications per year as well as over 2,600 immigration applications per year. A large number of these applications are for residents of Vaughan and relocating the service outside of Vaughan would be inconvenient and create inaccessibility for our residents most in need.

The current location is at 3700 Steeles Ave. West, Woodbridge, which is central and appropriate for our community as well as one of the few federal government offices that is operating in the Region of York.

Respectfully submitted,

Mario F. Ferri
Councillor, Ward 1