

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - ADDENDUM JUNE 3, 2002

**CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPRESENTATION ON REGIONAL COUNCIL**

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager and City Solicitor recommends that Council resolve that the Council of The Regional Municipality of York be requested to pass the following resolution regarding representation on Regional Council:

“WHEREAS there have been substantial population increases in different areas of the Regional Municipality of York over the past ten years;

AND WHEREAS the current composition of the Council for The Regional Municipality of York does not ensure fair and equitable representation of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan based on the population increase in Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Vaughan has advised the Region of York that it is essential to take all required actions to adjust the representation on York Council to more closely reflect the population of the area municipalities and the apportionment of costs among the area municipalities on a number of occasions including, most recently, by a resolution of the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2001;

AND WHEREAS the continuing inequitable representation of the residents and ratepayers of the City of Vaughan on the Region of York Council must be addressed immediately;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Regional Municipality of York hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make a regulation under subsection 27(10) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.45, as amended, declaring that section 27 of the Municipal Act applies to The Regional Municipality of York, and further that a regulation to the same effect be made by the Minister under section 218 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, since the new legislation will come into force on January 1, 2003 and any changes to the composition of the upper-tier Council may not be completed prior to January 1, 2003;

AND THAT, once the Minister of Municipal Affairs has filed the regulation(s) referred to above, that The Regional Municipality of York shall immediately take all required actions and obtain all required approvals under section 27 of the existing Municipal Act and under sections 218 and 219 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as required, to adjust the representation of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan on the Region of York Council;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all York Region MPP's, and to each of the area municipalities in the Region of York.”

Purpose

To request the Region of York to pass the necessary resolution to request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make a regulation and take all required actions to adjust the representation of the City of Vaughan on the Region of York Council.

Background - Analysis and Options

On March 19, 2001, Council passed a resolution, Attachment #1, advising the Council of the Region of York that actions should be taken regarding Vaughan's representation on Regional Council. This resolution was forwarded to the Regional Clerk on March 23, 2001, however, no

resolution was passed by Regional Council. The matter was further brought to the attention of Regional Council by Mayor Di Biase (then Regional Councillor Di Biase).

One suggestion regarding increasing Vaughan's Regional representation without increasing the total number of elected officials in Vaughan above the present eight, was to review a restructuring of the ward boundaries to adjust the number of local councillors and regional councillors.

The report of the City Clerk on this agenda regarding ward boundary restructuring indicates that this is not feasible.

Accordingly, it is necessary for the Region of York to pass the resolution recommended herein to initiate the process to ensure that the representation of the City of Vaughan on the Region of York Council is adjusted to reflect the population and apportionment of costs borne by the City of Vaughan.

Conclusion

To obtain the necessary adjustment to Vaughan's representation on Regional Council, it is recommended that Council pass the resolution included herein requesting the Region to pass the resolution included in this recommendation.

Attachment

Attachment # 1 – Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of March 19, 2001

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Respectfully submitted,

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2001

Item 28, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2001.

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The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Regional Councillor DiBiase, dated March 5, 2001:

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase recommends:

That the following resolution be approved:

WHEREAS the Premier of the Province of Ontario has announced that there will be no forced restructuring of the municipalities within the 905 area;

AND WHEREAS the Final report in respect of the Review of the Greater Toronto Services Board suggests that the Board should consider options which would involve significant changes in the GTSB's authority;

AND WHEREAS as a result of these decisions, the Region of York will continue to play an important role in respect to the delivery of services and the governance of the residents of the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS the budget of the Region of York has increased substantially as a result of the transfer of services from the Province of Ontario as well as the local municipalities;

AND WHEREAS the residents of the City of Vaughan, for the Year 2000, have paid 28.7165 percent of the Region of York levy while they are represented on Regional Council by three (3) members constituting only 15.7% of Regional Council;

AND WHEREAS the residents of the Town of Markham for the Year 2000 have paid 28.8268 percent of the Region of York levy is while they are represented on Regional Council by five (5) members constituting 26.3% of Regional Council;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has requested consideration of an increase to its representation in 1987, 1990, 1994, 1996, and 1999;

AND WHEREAS this continuing inequity in representation for the residents of the City of Vaughan must be addressed immediately;

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT The Council of the City of Vaughan advises the Council of the Region of York that it is essential and urgent that required actions be taken immediately to adjust the representation on the Region of York Council to more closely reflect population and, more particularly, the apportionment of costs between and among the area municipalities of the Region;

AND THAT the additional representatives assume office as soon as possible during this term of Council;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, York Region MPPs, Regional Council, and area municipalities within the Region of York.