

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 4, 2002

POLICE ESCORTS AT FUNERAL PROCESSIONS

Recommendation

The Mayor recommends that the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has recently been advised that the York Regional Police Force has not approved a recommendation to provide paid duty services or police escorts for funeral processions in the City of Vaughan;

AND WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has been advised that Ontario Provincial Police formerly provided these services in the City of Vaughan, but ceased the service since they had no jurisdiction over regional roads;

AND WHEREAS there may be a private company offering duty services on roads, but it is not satisfactory since it does not have uniformed traffic directors for regional roads including Highway 7 and Langstaff Road, as well as Highway 27 and it is therefore difficult to prevent confusion of approaching motorists where left turns must be made, to minimize the risk of traffic accidents and to deal with traffic congestion;

AND WHEREAS the Toronto Police Force apparently continues to provide paid duty services for funeral processions in the City of Toronto up to Steeles Avenue;

AND WHEREAS there are many busy roads and intersections in the City of Vaughan, with high traffic volume;

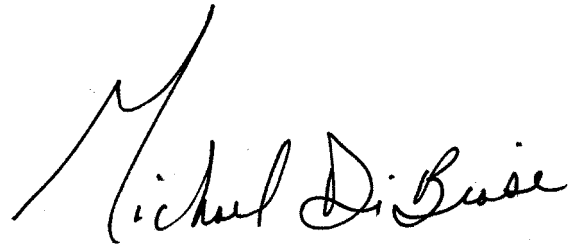
AND WHEREAS, although it is recognized that York Regional Police are extremely busy with a number of duties at this time, it is in the interests of the City of Vaughan to ensure that funeral processions occur in safety without the confusion of approaching motorists at left turn locations and traffic lights, without the attendant risk of traffic accidents, and with a minimum of traffic congestion;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan requests that paid police duty services or police escorts be provided by the York Regional Police Force for funeral processions in the City of Vaughan;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chief of Police, York Regional Police Force and to the Chair of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Chair and Council of The Regional Municipality of York and to each of the area municipalities in the Region of York.

Respectfully submitted by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Michael Di Biase". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "M".

Michael Di Biase
Mayor