

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FEBRUARY 16, 2004**

### **ACTING MAYOR BY-LAW**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services recommends that a by-law be enacted to appoint an Acting Mayor.

#### **Purpose**

To revise the current Acting Mayor By-law to accommodate the change in the office of Regional Councillors from two to three.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

By-law 237-92 providing for an Acting Mayor when the Head of Council is absent from the municipality or absent through illness, or the office is vacant, has been in place since July 20, 1992. This by-law provides that in the absence of the Mayor, the Regional Councillor who received the most votes at the previous election (the senior Regional Councillor) should act from time to time in place of the Mayor in his or her absence, through absence from the municipality or due to illness, or in his or her absence the other Regional Councillor would act instead of the Mayor.

There is a need to change this by-law to accommodate the current situation. It is being recommended the by-law should provide that in the absence of the Mayor, the Regional Councillor who received the highest number of votes in the previous election, act instead of the Mayor and in his or her absence the Regional Councillor who received the second highest number of votes in the previous election act in place of the Mayor and in his or her absence, the Regional Councillor with the third highest votes in the previous election act in place of the Mayor.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007, section 5.1 – To ensure effective political leadership.

#### **Conclusion**

It would be appropriate to enact a by-law to provide for an Acting Mayor in the absence of the Mayor.

#### **Attachments**

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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