

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 16, 2007**

### **DEPUTY MAYOR TITLE**

#### **Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio recommends:

That By-law Number 90-2004, being a by-law to appoint a substitute for the Mayor, be amended to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor.

#### **Economic Impact**

N/A

#### **Communications Plan**

N/A

#### **Purpose**

To eliminate any confusion that may exist particularly as the title "Deputy Mayor" appears to be more commonly used.

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

The Deputy Mayor title is consistent with many area municipalities such as Richmond Hill, Markham, Toronto, etc. The present use of the title of "Acting Mayor" is more often than not confusing and is often questioned by both the media and residents. A previous by-law referred to "Acting Mayor". The current by-law refers to "a substitute for the Mayor". The change in title will not affect the responsibilities of the position as provided for in the current by-law in that the Regional Councillor who received the highest number of votes at the last municipal election, or in his/her absence the Regional Councillor who received the second highest number of votes at the last municipal election or in his/her absence the Regional Councillor who received the third highest number of votes at the last municipal election will act from time to time in the place and stead of the Mayor when he/she is absent from the municipality or refuses to act, when he/she is absent due to illness or when the Office of the Head of Council is vacant.

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

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

#### **Conclusion**

Amending By-law Number 90-2004 to provide for the appointment of a Deputy Mayor is consistent with neighbouring area municipalities and gives clear recognition of the title thus eliminating confusion.

**Attachments**

N/A]

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Respectfully submitted,

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Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio