

**MONITORING REGIONAL ISSUES**

**Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri recommends:

- 1) That the respective City of Vaughan Commissioners monitor the Region of York committee agendas and regularly update/advise Vaughan's representatives on Regional Council in a timely manner on any matters that may impact the City of Vaughan;
- 2) That Vaughan's representatives on Regional Council that have been appointed to committees, boards, special task forces, etc. formally update members of Vaughan Council on a regular basis, at a Working Session or other appropriate meeting, on the matters being addressed by their respective regional committee; and
- 3) That the updates occur on a quarterly basis or more often if necessary.

**Economic Impact**

There is no specific economic impact as a result of this report.

**Communications Plan**

N/A

**Purpose**

To put a formal process in place to monitor regional issues that can have an impact on the City of Vaughan and ensure that those issues are communicated in a timely manner to ensure Vaughan's interested are properly represented.

**Background – Analysis & Options**

The City of Vaughan is one of the fastest growing municipalities in Ontario. It has the largest assessment base within the Region of York and therefore is the largest contributor to the funding of York Region's operations. The growth forecast for the Region and the City of Vaughan indicates that the rate of growth will continue to be very strong for the next number of years. Consequently actions and decisions taken by the Region of York can have a very significant impact on the City of Vaughan, its residents and businesses.

To properly manage growth and other issues it is critical that Vaughan's representatives at the Region receive regular updates and advice from the senior staff at the City regarding issues that may impact Vaughan. It is also equally important that members of Vaughan Council receive regular updates as to the activities and direction being taken by the various regional committees, boards, special task forces, etc. Regional representatives should update the Vaughan Council on a more formal and regular basis on issues. This will allow local members of Council to be informed, provide input, provide a local perspective and ultimately be in a better position to support the City's regional representatives.

**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**

There are no direct implications for the Region.

**Conclusion**

Approval of the recommendation is important as the overriding objective of the recommendation is to improve communication and where possible develop a common City of Vaughan position on important matters.

**Attachments**

None

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri