



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	May 31, 2011 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Title:	DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT
Submitted by:	Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

***Whereas**, the City of Vaughan Council on June 30, 2009 passed a resolution which reads “That the Provincial Government amend the Development Charges Act to permit the collection of development charges to fund the “local share” component of hospital funding”; and*

***Whereas**, no formal response (other than an acknowledgement) has been received;*

***It is therefore recommended** that Council reaffirms its position and requests a response to Council's Resolution, and that the Leaders of the two other Provincial Parties Mr. Tim Hudak, leader of the opposition and Ms. Andrea Horwath, leader of the N.D.P. also be asked to state their position on the request.*

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Rosati

Attachments

Extract From Council Meeting Minutes of June 30, 2009 Item 67, Committee of the Whole Report No. 35 and correspondence from Premier Dalton McGuinty, letter of acknowledgment dated July 16, 2009.

BACKGROUND TO:Development Charges ActSUBMITTED BY Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

In 1998 amendments to the Development Charges Legislation specifically excluded growth related Hospital Projects from Development Charges. Given that Health Care is a provincial responsibility, at the very least the Provincial Government should allow collection of Development Charges to cover the local share of hospital funding. We recognize that the need for a new hospital is a direct result of new growth in the area. Local property taxes pay in part towards other provincial responsibilities such as Education and Social services. This would clearly sustain the affordability of a Hospital in Vaughan in favor of all residents.

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2009

Item 67, Report No. 35, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 30, 2009.

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DEVELOPMENT CHARGES ACT

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Regional Councillor Rosati, dated June 23, 2009:

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends that the following Resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS Health care is a provincial responsibility; and

WHEREAS Growth places an additional demand on local healthcare; and

WHEREAS The "local share" is a significant additional cost to the property taxpayer; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

1. That the Provincial Government amend the Development Charges Act to permit the collection of development charges to fund the "local share" component of hospital funding;
2. That this resolution be circulated to the following;

York Region Council
Durham Council
Peel Council
Halton Council
Minister of Finance (Ontario)
Minister of Health
Minister of Municipal Affairs
MPP Greg Sorbara
MPP Peter Sherman
York Region MP's
City of Toronto Council
Leader of the Opposition
Leader of the NDP
Premier of Ontario
Associations of Municipalities of Ontario

Contribution to Sustainability

To ensure financial sustainability towards hospital projects.

Economic Impact

None at this time but should this recommendation be approved it would provide significant financial benefit to the City as well as to all taxpayers.

Communications Plan

As outlined above.

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 30, 2009

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Purpose

To amend the Development Charges Act to permit the collection of funds through Development Charges in part or in full, to be directed to the community component toward funding for a hospital.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 1998 amendments to the Development Charges Legislation specifically excluded growth related Hospital Projects from Development Charges. Given that Health Care is a provincial responsibility, at the very least the Provincial Government should allow collection of Development Charges to cover the local share of hospital funding. We recognize that the need for a new hospital is a direct result of new growth in the area. Local property taxes pays in part towards other provincial responsibilities such as Education and Social Services. This is one more burden that places tremendous hardship on the local property taxpayer. This would clearly sustain the affordability of a Hospital in Vaughan in favor of all residents.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In relation to the Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan, this recommendation will ensure Financial Sustainability and it will enhance and ensure Community Health and Wellness.

Regional Implications

This proposal if approved would provide some relief on the regional taxes used to make up the local share of hospital funding.

Conclusion

This recommendation would provide significant financial relief to the City and its taxpayers.

Attachments

NIL

Report prepared by:

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

The Premier
of Ontario

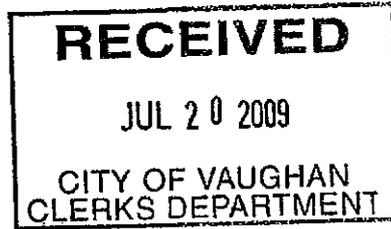
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July 16, 2009



Mr. Jeffrey A. Abrams
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Dear Mr. Abrams:

Thank you for your letter of July 6 providing me with a copy of council's resolution regarding hospital funding and the *Development Charges Act*. I appreciate your keeping me informed of council's activities.

I note that you have sent copies of council's resolution to some of my Cabinet colleagues. I trust that the ministers will also take council's views into consideration.

Thank you again for the information.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dalton McGuinty".

Dalton McGuinty
Premier

