



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES (1)  
DECEMBER 20, 2002**

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**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING (1)**  
**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20, 2002**  
**MINUTES**  
**10:00 A.M.**

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chambers in Vaughan, Ontario, at 10:16 a.m.

The following members were present:

Mayor Michael Di Biase, Chair  
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio  
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati  
Councillor Bernie Di Vona  
Councillor Mario F. Ferri (10:18 a.m.)  
Councillor Linda D. Jackson  
Councillor Susan Kadis  
Councillor Mario G. Racco

**412. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Jackson  
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

**413. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

**414. CHANGES IN CITY OF VAUGHAN COUNCIL COMPOSITION**

MOVED by Regional Councillor Rosati  
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

1. THAT the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated December 20, 2002, be approved;
2. THAT the following deputations be received:
  - a) Ms. Diane Rembacz, President, North Maple Ratepayers Association;
  - b) Ms. Clara Astolfo, President, Vaughanwood Ratepayers Association; and
  - c) Mr. Greg Barbieri, President, Kipling Ratepayers Association; and
3. THAT the following submissions be received:
  - a) Mr. Paul DeBuono, 1 George Gale Road, Vaughan, L6A 1R6, dated December 19, 2002; and
  - b) December 20, 2002 Toronto Star article entitled, "Vaughan to add a councillor, gain clout at York Region".

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY UPON A RECORDED VOTE

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NAYS

Mayor Di Biase  
Councillor Di Vona  
Councillor Ferri  
Regional Councillor Frustaglio  
Councillor Jackson  
Councillor Kadis  
Councillor Racco  
Regional Councillor Rosati

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk, in consultation with the Director of Legal Services, recommends:

- 1) That the Public Hearing be received; and
- 2) That the necessary by-law be enacted to increase the number of elected members of the City of Vaughan Council from eight to nine, with the additional member being a Local and Regional Councillor.

**Purpose**

To consider enacting a by-law to increase the size of the City of Vaughan Council from the eight existing members to nine members with the additional member also to be a member of the Council of the Regional Municipality of York (Regional Council).

**Background - Analysis and Options**

City of Vaughan Council, at its meeting held on June 20, 2002, adopted the following resolution.

*“WHEREAS there have been substantial population increases in different areas of the Regional Municipality of York over the past ten years;*

*AND WHEREAS the current composition of the Council for The Regional Municipality of York does not ensure fair and equitable representation of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan based on the population increase in Vaughan;*

*AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Vaughan has advised the Region of York that it is essential to take all required actions to adjust the representation on York Council to more closely reflect the population of the area municipalities and the apportionment of costs among the area municipalities on a number of occasions including, most recently, by a resolution of the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2001;*

*AND WHEREAS the continuing inequitable representation of the residents and ratepayers of the City of Vaughan on the Region of York Council must be addressed immediately;*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Regional Municipality of York hereby requests the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make a regulation under subsection 27(10) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.45, as amended, declaring that section 27 of the Municipal Act applies to The Regional Municipality of York, and further that a regulation to the same effect be made by the Minister under section 218 of the Municipal Act, 2001, R.S.O. 2001, c. 25, since the new legislation will come into force on January 1, 2003 and any changes to the composition of the upper-tier Council may not be completed prior to January 1, 2003;*

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*AND THAT, once the Minister of Municipal Affairs has filed the regulation(s) referred to above, that The Regional Municipality of York shall immediately take all required actions and obtain all required approvals under section 27 of the existing Municipal Act and under sections 218 and 219 of the Municipal Act, 2001, as required, to adjust the representation of The Corporation of the City of Vaughan on the Region of York Council;*

*AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, all York Region MPP's, and to each of the area municipalities in the Region of York."*

Regional Council responded to Vaughan's request and at a meeting held on November 21, 2002 unanimously adopted the following resolution:

*"Regional Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to make a regulation declaring that section 27 of the Municipal Act applies to the Regional Municipality of York;*

*The Regional Clerk forward a copy of this report to the local municipalities with a request that they consent, at their meetings in December 2002, to a by-law changing the composition and size of Regional Council to permit an additional member from the City of Vaughan;*

*Regional Council hold a public meeting at 9:20 a.m. on December 19, 2002 for the purpose of considering this by-law;*

*Staff publish notice of Council's intention to pass the by-law."*

Subsequently the majority of the area municipalities in York Region, including the City of Vaughan, consented to the passage of a by-law to change the composition of Regional Council to permit an additional member from the City of Vaughan. Regional Council, at a meeting held on December 19, 2002, considered a report on "Council Representation" from their Chief Administrative Officer and in so doing, enacted a by-law to increase Regional Council by one member, being a member of the Regional Council and of the Council of the City of Vaughan (Attachment 1).

In order to effect this increased representation, the *Municipal Act* requires that Vaughan hold a public meeting and pass a by-law to increase the size of Council by one. To this end, Council at its meeting held on December 16, 2002, directed that a public meeting be held on December 20, 2002 for the purpose of considering the requisite by-law. Public Notice of the meeting was published in the Vaughan Citizen/Liberal City Page on December 12, 2002 and December 19, 2002.

### **Conclusion**

It is necessary and appropriate for Council to enact a by-law to increase its size from eight to nine with the additional member being a Local and Regional Councillor.

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Report No. 6 of the Regional Chief Administrative Officer

### **Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

**415. BY-LAWS FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio  
seconded by Councillor Ferri

THAT the following by-law be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted:

By-Law Number 409-2002      A By-law to Change the Size of Council of the City of Vaughan.  
(Item 1, Special Council, December 20, 2002)

CARRIED

**416. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio  
seconded by Councillor Ferri

THAT By-law Number 410-2002, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on December 20, 2002, be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

**417. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Di Vona  
seconded by Councillor Kadis

THAT the meeting adjourn at 10:45 a.m.

CARRIED

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Michael Di Biase, Mayor

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J. D. Leach, City Clerk