



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES  
MARCH 4, 2025**

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**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025**

**MINUTES**

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chamber in Vaughan, Ontario, at 1:58 p.m.

The following members were present:

Steven Del Duca, Mayor, Chair  
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri  
Regional Councillor Mario G. Racco  
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati  
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate  
Councillor Adriano Volpentesta  
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca  
Councillor Chris Ainsworth  
Councillor Gila Martow

**22. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

MOVED by Councillor Ainsworth  
seconded by Councillor Martow

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

**23. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

**24. PROCUREMENT STRATEGIES IN RESPONSE TO AMERICAN TARIFFS**  
(Committee of the Whole, Report No. 8, Item 10, March 4, 2025)

MOVED by Councillor DeFrancesca  
seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That the following recommendation from the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 4, 2025, be approved:

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The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer dated March 4, 2025, be approved;
- 2) That the City Manager be authorized to approve amendments to the Corporate Procurement Policy and/or related procurement documentation to implement a ban on United States based companies and subsidiaries from bidding upon or being awarded City of Vaughan competitive procurements; and
- 3) That the presentation by Louise Vrebosch, Deputy City Solicitor and Pooja Nagra, Director of Procurement Services, and C2., presentation material, be received.

### **Recommendation**

1. That, in the event of the imposition of tariffs by the U.S. government further to, or similar in substance to, those provided for in Executive Order 14193, that Staff amend such documents, policies and procedures, as required to implement the procurement strategy proposed in this report; and
2. That the Corporate Procurement Policy (15.C.03) be amended to increase the Low Dollar Purchase threshold to \$25,000, to provide for the award and execution authorities for Invitational Procurements, and any further amendments necessary to give effect to the procurement strategy referred to in this report; and
3. That the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, City Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer be authorized to release funding sources required to address any additional budget requirements as a result of tariffs; and
4. That, in the event of the imposition of further tariffs imposed by the U.S. government, that the Mayor be authorized to direct staff to take additional responsive measures, such as increasing thresholds for the application of the proposed procurement strategy.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY UPON A RECORDED VOTE

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### YEAS

Regional Councillor Ferri  
Councillor DeFrancesca  
Regional Councillor Racco  
Councillor Martow  
Regional Councillor Rosati  
Councillor Volpentesta  
Councillor Ainsworth  
Councillor Iafrate  
Mayor Del Duca

### NAYS

#### **25. CONFIRMING BY-LAW**

MOVED by Councillor Iafrate  
seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

THAT By-law Number 064-2025, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on March 4, 2025, be passed.

CARRIED

#### **26. ADJOURNMENT**

MOVED by Councillor Volpentesta  
seconded by Councillor Martow

THAT the meeting adjourn at 2:02 p.m.

CARRIED

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Steven Del Duca, Mayor

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Todd Coles, City Clerk