



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	COUNCIL – MARCH 11, 2020
Title:	Review of Regional Council Composition
Submitted by:	Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.

Whereas, the Municipal Act requires all regional municipalities to review the composition of their council by December 7, 2020, unless they enacted a change to their composition during the previous term; and

Whereas, in the proposed schedule set out by York Region, a decision needs to be made by November 2020, which is ahead of the provincial deadline; and

Whereas, Regional Council has the discretion to reduce, increase, reallocate its members or maintain the status quo; and

Whereas, a triple majority is required, meaning that there must be a majority of votes in favour from Regional Council, among the nine municipalities that make up York Region, and the total number of electors in York Region; and

Whereas, the matter of Regional Council representation and governance was considered by Regional Council in 2013 and again in 2016, whereby in both instances, the by-law to permit an additional Regional Council member for Vaughan failed to achieve the required "triple majority" report; and

Whereas, the province of Ontario recently considered municipal governance, including council size, and subsequently announced that it had decided against pursuing a top-down approach to changing the structure of regional governments; and

Whereas, factors used to determine effective representation include geography, community history, community interests and minority representation; and

Whereas, the Supreme Court of Canada considers representation by population as the prime, but not an exclusive condition of effective representation; and

Whereas, the current composition of York Region Council does not fairly represent Vaughan's share of York Region Council; and

Whereas, increasing the representativeness of Vaughan on Regional Council more fairly aligns the City's representation with population distribution and growth in York Region;

Whereas, upon consideration of this matter in 2013 and 2016, Vaughan council passed resolutions in favour of changing the composition and size of York Region Council by increasing Vaughan's representation by one additional member;

It is therefore recommended:

1. That Council consent to a by-law of Regional Council, substantially in the form attached, to change the composition of Regional Council by increasing the number of members representing the City of Vaughan from four (4) to five (5);

<p><i>2. That the City Clerk be requested to immediately forward Council's resolution in this matter to the Regional Clerk.</i></p>

Respectfully submitted,

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor