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Vaughan Council,

Vaughan Council passed a motion June 8th at the Committee of the Whole meeting that effectively means this term of Council has done nothing to ensure that Vaughan citizens have fair and effective local and regional representation. A Ward Boundary Review was undertaken that excluded Regional

Councillors or the addition of a new local councillor/ward. **It is unacceptable that Vaughan Council has forced this upon the next term of Council and that our local representation will continue to be underrepresented (5 Wards/Local Councillors) because it is compromised by regional overrepresentation (5 - 4 Regional Councillors + Mayor).**

It was disconcerting that the questions I have been seeking answers to since early in May were asked during the June 8th Council meeting but did not receive proper answers. Regional Councillor Jackson specifically asked the Clerk about the authority by which Regional Councillors are elected at large.

**The Chair of the meeting Regional Councillor Ferri spoke immediately after her, by default he did not allow the Clerk to answer, then asked for the motion on the floor to come to a vote. All other members of Council watched, did not call a point of order and enabled this question to go unanswered.** It is probable that the answer to this question will reveal that it is within the

authority of Vaughan Council to make a decision about if Regional Councillors are elected at large or by ward, since elections are run by lower tier municipalities in York Region. Vaughan Council has the authority to pass a by-law about how Council members are elected until the last day of the year prior to the year of the municipal elections, meaning if it is within Vaughan Council's authority a by-law can be

passed to elect Regional Councillors by ward and provide a solution this term to increase local representation.

The question about the authority and record of decision by which Regional Councillors have adopted the title 'local and regional councillor' was also not answered satisfactorily. The question is not why Regional

Councillors have this title but how the title came to exist and under what authority. **it is unacceptable if Regional Councillors have over time just come to adopt this title without any consensus and authority from the whole of Vaughan Council.** Adding the term local when Regional Councillors are elected at large and accountable to no local area of Vaughan is misleading and disingenuous.

To the best of my knowledge Vaughan Council has done nothing to prepare or consult with the public about the new Regional Councillor starting next term. Vaughan citizens are entitled to an answer to the following questions as well as the whole of Vaughan Council so that informed decisions can be made to ensure faire and effective local and regional representation.

Please provide answers to the following questions and/or pass a motion that will address the following question in a timely manner so that Vaughan Council will have the opportunity to make informed decisions when passing the by-law with regard to the election of the Council members for the next term of Council.

1. When, how and under what authority was it decided that Vaughan's current Regional Councillor's titles are: Local and Regional Councillor?
2. When, how and under what authority was it decided that Vaughan's regional councillors are to be elected at large, where is the by-law, record of decision?
3. A new Regional Councillor is being added to Vaughan Council next term:
  - a. What if any obligations are required of the City of Vaughan to prepare for this change?
  - b. Has it been decided how the new Regional Councillor will be elected? If not how and when will this be decided?

Thank you,  
Irene Ford

Ward 3 Resident, Voter and Citizen