

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Council Report

DATE: Monday, September 27, 2021

TITLE: REINSTATING MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY: BYLAW NOISE

FROM:

Councillor Alan Shefman

Whereas, municipal councils are well equipped to undertake effective, resourceful, and timely response efforts to safeguard the health and well-being of people and the competitiveness of local economies -- as demonstrated time and again by the City of Vaughan; and

Whereas, in March 2020, City of Vaughan Council endorsed the Vaughan Business Action Plan, which included a series of measures to help protect businesses, consumers, and citizens; and

Whereas, these measures included support for the restocking of store shelves by suspending noise by-laws and weight restriction on roads to assist with ensuring stores have items people need; enhancing the movement of goods by suspending by-laws restricting the loading and unloading of commercial vehicles, transport trucks, and other vehicles between the hours of 7 p.m. and 7 a.m. allowing for 24-hour delivery; improving business ground-transportation – by suspending the weight and size of vehicles that can travel on certain roads throughout Vaughan. To ensure the sufficient, safe supply of goods to stores; and

Whereas, because municipalities like Vaughan continue to lead during such unprecedented times of global uncertainty, it is imperative that other levels of government respect municipal authority, jurisdiction and responsibilities; and

Whereas, despite the track record of delivering results by cities and towns across Ontario, as of Sept. 19, 2021, the Municipal Act now prohibits municipalities from

regulating noise that is a result of deliveries to retail businesses, restaurants, bars, cafes, hotels, motels, and goods distribution facilities; and

Whereas, municipal by-laws are the responsibility of municipalities and are regularly updated in consultation with residents, ratepayer associations, stakeholder groups and with a Council-directive.

It is therefore recommended:

1. THAT effective immediately, the Ontario government reinstate the authority for municipalities to regulate noise that is a result of deliveries to retail businesses, restaurants, bars, cafes, hotels, motels, and goods distribution facilities; and
2. THAT this Resolution be directed to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and
3. THAT this Resolution be circulated to Vaughan-area Members of Provincial Parliament; and
4. THAT this Resolution be circulated to all GTA municipalities, and
5. THAT this Resolution be circulated to York Region Council, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
6. THAT this Resolution be circulated to the City of Vaughan's Effective Governance and Oversight Task Force.

Attachments

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