

CITY OF VAUGHAN SPECIAL COUNCIL MINUTES JUNE 28, 2017

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, 2017

MINUTES

9:30 A.M.

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chamber in Vaughan, Ontario, at 9:37 a.m.

The following members were present:

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor Regional Councillor Mario Ferri Regional Councillor Gino Rosati Councillor Tony Carella Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca Councillor Marilyn Iafrate Councillor Alan Shefman Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

103. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri seconded by Councillor Carella

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

CARRIED

104. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There was no disclosure of interest by any member.

105. <u>COMMUNICATIONS</u>

MOVED by Councillor Shefman seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

THAT Communications C1 to C3 inclusive be received and referred to their respective items on the agenda.

CARRIED

106. APPOINTMENT OF A CANDIDATE TO FILL THE VACANT POSITION OF LOCAL AND REGIONAL COUNCILLOR

Mayor Bevilacqua asked the City Clerk to explain the process for this Special Council meeting.

The City Clerk advised as follows:

Council has adopted procedures for the appointment process to be conducted at this

meeting. These procedures were distributed with the agenda as part of the City Clerk's report.

Each of the candidates who have completed a Consent of Nominee and a Declaration of Qualification and provided personal identification deemed satisfactory by the City Clerk will have the opportunity to address City Council for up to five minutes.

The speaking order will be determined by lot. The City Clerk will place the names of all candidates on equal size pieces of paper in a container and randomly draw the names.

After all the names have been drawn, staff will produce a listing that will be distributed to Members of Council and the public.

Each Member of Council can ask a question of each candidate. Members of Council can speak if they wish once all candidates have spoken and all questions have been heard.

After Members of Council have spoken, Council will vote. The City Clerk will review the voting process with Members of Council at the appropriate time.

Upon conclusion of the voting, the City Clerk will declare to be appointed the candidate receiving the votes of more than one-half of the number of the Members of Council present and voting, or the candidate selected by lot, in the event that two remaining candidates are tied. The City Clerk will then request that the Mayor call for a motion to appoint the candidate.

At the end of today's meeting, City Council will enact a by-law to confirm the appointment of the successful candidate to the office of Local and Regional Councillor for the remainder of the term of the present Council.

Following the enactment of the appointment by-law, the appointee will take the Declaration of Office.

The City Clerk advised that the following persons had withdrawn their names from consideration:

Anton Muzychka Ian Stedman Parag Tandon

The City Clerk drew the names of each candidate to determine a speaking order, as follows:

- Adriano Volpentesta
- 2. Francesco Vennare
- Stephen Roberts
- 4. Devender Sandhu
- 5. Brittney Rossi
- 6. Tal Sagi
- 7. Richard Lorello
- 8. Shernett Martin
- 9. Josh Martow
- 10. Tony Lorini
- 11. Teresa Marando
- 12. Sunder Singh
- 13. Jennifer Shelton
- 14. Blair Alon
- 15. Jenny Alfandary
- 16. Joy Lerman
- 17. Carrie Liddy

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- 18. Cristina Rizzuto
- 19. Ralph Canale
- 20. Christine Caponi
- 21. Diana Corazza
- 22. Joyce Frustaglio
- 23. Stephen Kerwin
- 24. Bryce Taylor
- 25. Mubarak Ahmed
- 26. Bernie Green
- 27. Amir Soltaninia
- 28. Harsh Naik
- 29. Sabrina DiMarco
- 30. Mario DiNardo
- 31. Rom Koubi
- 32. Peter Badali
- 33. Pamela Taraday-Levy
- 34. Ellie Miron
- 35. Patrizia Bottoni
- 36. Meera Anand
- 37. Sanharib Mirkhai
- 38. William Carney
- 39. Sridhar Nimmagadda
- 40. Barry Nelson
- 41. Jacob Freedman
- 42. Mary Mauti
- 43. Barry Barnes
- 44. John DiNino
- 45. Gillian Evans
- 46. Nicola Pinto
- 47. Elliott Frankl
- 48. Michael McKenzie
- 49. Roman Beloussov
- 50. David Miller
- 51. Giacomo Parisi
- 52. Justin Darmanin
- 53. Frank Miele

The following candidates addressed Council:

- 1. Adriano Volpentesta
- 2. Francesco Vennare
- 3. Stephen Roberts
- 4. Devender Sandhu
- 5. Brittney Rossi
- 6. Tal Sagi
- 7. Richard Lorello
- 8. Shernett Martin
- 9. Josh Martow
- 10. Tony Lorini
- 11. Teresa Marando
- 12. Sunder Singh
- 13. Jennifer Shelton
- 14. Jenny Alfandary
- 15. Joy Lerman

Blair Alon was called upon to speak however he was not in attendance and did not address Council.

MOVED by Councillor DeFrancesca seconded by Councillor Carella

That Special Council recess at 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco seconded by Councillor Carella

That Special Council reconvene at 11:21 a.m.

Special Council reconvened at 11:21 a.m. with all Members present.

The following candidates addressed Council:

- 16. Carrie Liddy
- 17. Cristina Rizzuto
- 18. Ralph Canale
- 19. Diana Corazza
- 20. Joyce Frustaglio
- 21. Stephen Kerwin
- 22. Bryce Taylor
- 23. Mubarak Ahmed
- 24. Bernie Green
- 25. Amir Soltaninia
- 26. Harsh Naik
- 27. Sabrina DiMarco
- 28. Mario DiNardo
- 29. Rom Koubi
- 30. Peter Badali

Christine Caponi was called upon to speak however she was not in attendance and did not address Council.

MOVED by Councillor Carella seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

That Special Council recess at 12:37 p.m.

CARRIED

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That Special Council reconvene at 1:07 p.m.

CARRIED

Special Council reconvened at 1:07 p.m. with all members present.

The following candidates addressed Council:

- 31. Pamela Taraday-Levy
- 32. Patrizia Bottoni
- 33. Meera Anand
- 34. William Carney
- 35. Sridhar Nimmagadda
- 36. Barry Nelson
- 37. Jacob Freedman
- 38. Mary Mauti
- 39. Barry Barnes
- 40. John DiNino
- 41. Gillian Evans
- 42. Nicola Pinto
- Elliott Frankl
- 44. Michael McKenzie
- Roman Beloussov
- 46. David Miller

Ellie Miron, Sanharib Mirkhai, Giacomo Parisi, Justin Darmanin and Frank Miele were called upon to speak however they were not in attendance and did not address Council.

To ensure that all candidates had the opportunity to address Council, the City Clerk read out the names of the candidates who had not spoken when their name was called. No additional candidates came forward.

MOVED by Councillor lafrate seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

That Special Council recess at 2:20 p.m.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Shefman seconded by Councillor Iafrate

That Special Council reconvene at 2:35 p.m.

CARRIED

Special Council reconvened at 2:35 p.m. with all members present.

The City Clerk read out the names of the candidates in alphabetical order and instructed Members of Council on the voting process in accordance with the procedure.

The City Clerk distributed the ballots to the Members of Council. Once all ballots had been cast and collected, the City Clerk tallied the results.

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The City Clerk announced the results of the first ballot as follows:

Number of ballots cast: 8

Number of required votes to be elected: 5

Number of spoiled ballots: 0

For Sunder Singh: 4

For Diana Corazza: 1

For Gillian Evans: 1

For Teresa Marando: 1

For Pamela Taraday-Levy: 1

All other candidates received zero votes.

The City Clerk read the ballots individually, a summary of which is provided as follows:

For Sunder Singh
Mayor Bevilacqua
Regional Councillor Ferri
Regional Councillor Rosati

Councillor Carella

For Diana Corazza
Councillor Yeung Racco

For Gillian Evans
Councillor lafrate

<u>For Teresa Marando</u> Councillor DeFrancesca

For Pamela Taraday-Levy

Councillor Shefman

The City Clerk advised that no candidate had received the votes of more than one-half of the Members of City Council present and voting, and a second ballot would be conducted. All candidates receiving zero votes and the candidate receiving the fewest number of votes would be excluded from the voting. In accordance with the procedure, as there were four candidates tied for the fewest number of votes, the City Clerk placed the names of the four candidates in a container and drew three names to continue to the second round of voting. The three names drawn to continue to the second round of voting were:

Diana Corazza

Gillian Evans

Teresa Marando

The candidate whose name was not drawn, Pamala Taraday-Levy, was excluded from the second round of voting.

The City Clerk distributed the ballots to the Members of Council. Once all ballots had been cast and collected, the City Clerk tallied the results.

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The City Clerk announced the results of the second ballot as follows:

Number of ballots cast: 8

Number of required votes to be elected: 5

Number of spoiled ballots: 0

For Sunder Singh: 7

For Teresa Marando: 1

All other candidates received zero votes.

The City Clerk read the ballots individually, a summary of which is provided as follows:

For Sunder Singh

Mayor Bevilacqua
Regional Councillor Ferri
Regional Councillor Rosati
Councillor Carella
Councillor Iafrate
Councillor Yeung Racco
Councillor Shefman

For Teresa Marando

Councillor DeFrancesca

As the candidate who received more than one-half of the votes of the Members of Council present and voting, the City Clerk declared Sunder Singh appointed to the Office of Local and Regional Councillor for the remainder of this term of Council.

The City Clerk requested a motion to appoint Sunder Singh to the Office of Local and Regional Councillor for the remainder of the current term of Council.

MOVED by Regional Councillor Ferri seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

- 1) That Ms. Sunder Singh be appointed to fill the Office of Local and Regional Councillor for the remainder of the current term of Council;
- 2) That the report of the City Clerk, dated June 28, 2017, be received; and
- 3) That the following Communications be received:
 - C1 Mr. Eddy Aceti, dated June 12, 2017;
 - C2 Mr. Furio Liberatore, dated June 10, 2017; and
 - C3 Ms. Phyllis Barbieri, dated June 27, 2017.

CARRIED

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That Council appoint a person from among those persons listed in Attachment 1 who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold the office of Local and Regional Councillor and have consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy of Local and Regional Councillor.

Contribution to Sustainability

The *Municipal Act, 2001*, is part of a legislative framework which supports the administration and government of municipalities of Ontario, which, in turn, contributes to the sustainability of the City and good government.

Economic Impact

There is limited economic impact as there is an existing budget for the office of the Local and Regional Councillor. There were some costs associated with the promotion of the appointment process (ie. newspaper ads) that were absorbed within existing budgets.

Communications Plan

This report will be posted on the City's website in accordance with the Procedural By-law.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present the names of those persons who have signified in writing that they are legally qualified to hold the office of Local and Regional Councillor and have consented to accept the office if they are appointed to fill the vacancy of Local and Regional Councillor in order that Council may appoint a person to that office.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the June 5th Council meeting (Item 24, Report No. 21, Committee of the Whole) Council approved the following:

- "1) That the Local and Regional Councillor vacancy be filled by way of a public appointment; and
- 2) That the Clerk be directed to commence the public appointment process immediately in accordance with the process set out in Communication C14 from the City Clerk, dated June 5, 2017, with a view to completing the process by June 30, 2017."

The period for accepting applications for the appointment opened on June 8, 2017 and closed on June 22, 2017 at 4:30 p.m. Information on the vacant council position and appointment process was widely communicated to the public through many different channels including the City's website, eNewsletter, digital signs, social media, Councillor eNewsletters and the media. In addition, a Public Information Session was held on Thursday, June 15th, 2017 to provide information to prospective applicants on the appointment process.

Applicants were given the opportunity to submit supplementary documentation in support of their candidacy for appointment and have provided a signed acknowledgement that all materials filed as part of their application will be part of the public record A list of the applicants is included as Attachment 1. A total of 56 applications were received, along with supporting materials, provided in Attachment 2. The appointment process is set out in Attachment 3.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

The filling of the vacancy of the office of the Local and Regional Councillor addresses the Term of Council Priority being "Continue to advance the culture of excellence in governance."

Regional Implications

The Region of York will be advised of the outcome of the appointment process.

Conclusion

The appointee will assume office once Council enacts a by-law confirming the appointment and the City Clerk administers the Declaration of Office. The new Member of Council will hold office until the end of the term on November 30, 2018.

Attachments

Attachment 1: List of Applicants (Click for Link to Applicant Submissions)

Attachment 2: Applicant Submissions (Available for viewing on the City's website and in the Office

of the City Clerk)

Attachment 3: Appointment Process

Report prepared by:

Todd Coles, Deputy City Clerk Barbara A, McEwan, City Clerk

(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.)

107. <u>BY-LAWS</u>

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco seconded by Councillor lafrate

THAT the following by-law be enacted:

By-Law Number 099-2017 A By-law to appoint Sunder Singh to fill the vacant Local and

Regional Councillor position.

CARRIED

108. <u>DECLARATION OF OFFICE</u>

The City Clerk administered the Declaration of Office to Sunder Singh.

109. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED by Councillor Carella seconded by Councillor lafrate

THAT By-law Number 100-2017, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on June 28, 2017, be enacted.

CARRIED

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110.	<u>ADJOURNMENTs</u>	
	MOVED by Councillor Carella seconded by Councillor lafrate	
	THAT the meeting adjourn at 3:07 p.m.	
	CARRIED	
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor		Barbara A. McEwan, City Clerk