

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Item 21, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 17, 2015.

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REINSTATEMENT OF THE MANDATORY LONG-FORM CENSUS

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Carella, dated February 3, 2015:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Tony Carella

Whereas prior to its abolition in 2010 the mandatory long-form census was an indispensable tool to inform business, policy and research decisions across Canada---providing critical, scientifically-rigorous information about demographics, commuting patterns, skill shortages, and other economic data that helped to determine public policy, as well as supplying historical comparisons to let us know how our society is changing; and

Whereas the National Household Survey, which replaced the mandatory long-form census, being a voluntary survey, does not generate the same high-quality information provided by a mandatory long-form census randomly distributed across all sectors of the population; and

Whereas the loss of this data represents a blow to free expression, hampering the right to information that should be available to all Canadians, particularly in an age where transparency is a shared public value;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That Council request the members of the Parliament of Canada to support the restoration of the mandatory long-form census, as contemplated in Bill C-626; and

That this request be communicated to the Parliament of Canada, local members of Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM).