

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2013

Item 19, Report No. 9, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2013, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with Communication C15, from the City Clerk, dated March 19, 2013:

- 1) That the communication from Mr. Antony Niro submitting the report by Dr. Ronald G. Landes entitled 'Public Ward Boundary Review' be received;***
- 2) That the petition submitted to the Committee of the Whole meeting of February 26, 2013 be formally received by Council; and***
- 3) That the options in this report be submitted to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) for consideration and public input; and***

By receiving the following Communications:

- C5. A. Niro, Public Ward Boundary Review, dated February 26, 2013; and***
C19. A. Niro, dated March 19, 2013.

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PETITION RE: WARD BOUNDARIES

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 26, 2013, be approved;**
- 2) That the following deputations be received:**
 - 1. Mr. Antony Niro, Laurentian Boulevard, Maple; and**
 - 2. Dr. Ronald Landes; and**
- 3) That Communication C7, Ward Boundary Petition, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the petition filed by Mr. Antony Niro regarding ward boundaries pursuant to S. 223 of the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c. 25 be received; and**
- 2) That the City Clerk be directed to report to the March 19, 2013 Council meeting on the petition and any other necessary action.**

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

Not applicable at this time.

Communications Plan

Not applicable at this time.

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to outline the process for responding to the petition filed pursuant to S. 223 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 requesting that Council pass a by-law dividing or re-dividing the municipality into wards

Background - Analysis and Options

Under Section 223 of the *Municipal Act*, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, electors may present a petition to Council requesting that Council pass a by-law dividing, re-dividing or dissolving wards. The petition requires signatures of 1% of the total number of electors in the municipality or 500 electors, whichever is less, but with a minimum of 50 signatures. Five hundred (500) electors would have to sign a petition in the case of a population the size of the City of Vaughan.

If Council does not pass a by-law in accordance with a petition within 90 days after receiving it, any of the electors may apply to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) to have the municipality divided or re-divided or have the existing wards dissolved. The OMB will hear the application and may make an order dividing, re-dividing or dissolving wards.

A petition pursuant to S. 223 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 was submitted to the City Clerk's Office by Mr. Antony Niro on February 26, 2013. The City Clerk has not had time to review the petition for statutory compliance and to ensure that the threshold number of signatures is met. It is proposed that the City Clerk report to the March 19, 2013 Council meeting on the petition and to outline any necessary next steps in the process.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council as set out in Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly:

MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE –
Demonstrate Leadership and Promote Effective Governance

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff recommends that the City Clerk be directed to report to the March 19, 2013 Council meeting on the petition filed pursuant to S. 223 of the *Municipal Act*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and any necessary action.

Attachments

None

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