

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2014

Item 2, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 18, 2014, as follows:

By approving:

That Sign By-law 203-92 be amended as follows:

- 1) That the maximum election sign size be 1.49 square meters;***
- 2) That the amount of time prior to the election in which election signs can be erected be 6 weeks;***
- 3) That the time of removal of the election signs following the election be 72 hours;***

That the report of the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services/ City Solicitor and the Director of By-law & Compliance, dated February 25, 2014, be received; and

That Confidential Communication C4 from Legal Counsel, dated March 13, 2014, be received.

2 ELECTION SIGN BY-LAW REVIEW AND COMPLIANCE STRATEGY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of March 18, 2014, and that legal staff report back on the issues raised by the Committee;**
- 2) That Confidential Communication C2, be received; and**
- 3) That the deputation of Mr. Kevin Hanit, Queensbridge Drive, Concord, and Communication C20, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services/ City Solicitor and the Director of By-law & Compliance recommend:

- 1. That Council hear from interested parties with respect to amendments to the Sign By-law, in particular:**
 - 1) That the maximum election sign size be 1.49 square meters;**
 - 2) That the amount of time prior to the election in which election signs can be erected be 6 weeks;**
 - 3) That the time of removal of the election signs following the election be 72 hours;**
 - 4) That one election sign, per candidate, be permitted on each private property.**

Contribution to Sustainability

Reviewing existing regulatory by-laws for relevance and suitability to community growth, needs and expectations supports and promotes the City's vision of pursuit of excellence in service delivery, enhances community safety and well-being, demonstrates leadership and promotes effective governance.

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Economic Impact

Adoption of the above recommendations will have no economic impact.

Communications Plan

Public notice of the City's intent to amend Sign By-law 203-92, as amended (the "Sign By-law"), as it relates to election signs was given on January 24, 2014 in accordance with Notice By-law 394-2002, as amended. Any approved amendments to the Sign By-law, relating to election signs will be communicated to all registered candidates through the City Clerk's Department in the appropriate form, as determined by the City Clerk. Any amendments will also be posted on the City's website.

Purpose

The purpose of this Report is to advise Council that public notice of proposed amendments to the election sign provisions of the Sign By-law has been provided pursuant to Council direction and in accordance with the Notice By-law, and to seek further direction for any amendments to the Sign By-law as it relates to election signs.

Background - Analysis and Options

On January 21, 2014, Committee of the Whole (Working Session), as confirmed by Council, directed the following:

That staff be requested to give notice, in accordance with the City's Notice By-law, of consideration of a committee report to incorporate the following election sign modifications to the Sign By-law:

- 1) That the maximum sign size be 1.49 square meters;
- 2) That the amount of time prior to the election in which election signs can be erected be 6 weeks;
- 3) That the time of removal of the signs following the election be 72 hours;
- 4) That one sign, per candidate, be permitted on each private property.

Further to their direction, staff posted notice on the City's website on January 24, 2014 in accordance with the Notice By-law.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This Report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council. By continuing to review existing by-laws and related regulations for relevance and suitability, staff continue to promote a designed interest in service excellence and effective governance across the City.

Regional Implications

There are no Regional implications associated with adoption of this Report.

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Conclusion

In accordance with the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) direction of January 21, 2014, as confirmed by Council, staff has provided public notice of proposed amendments to the election sign provisions of the Sign By-law. Any amendments to the election sign provisions of the Sign By-law will require Council resolution.

Attachments

1. Extract from Council Meeting Minutes of January 28, 2014.

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(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.)