

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016

Item 21, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2016.

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INCREASED FREIGHT RAIL TRAFFIC THROUGH VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated April 5, 2016:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman.

Whereas, a recent IBI Group Feasibility Study suggested that to facilitate the expansion of commuter rail as planned by Metrolinx, that freight rail traffic from the impacted lines be redirected through York Region and specifically the City of Vaughan; and

Whereas, this increased freight traffic would be diverted through heavily populated urban areas in our City; and

Whereas, the increased freight rail traffic will result in more noise and safety concerns by the residents of the City of Vaughan:

It is therefore recommended:

1. **That**, Metrolinx be advised that rerouting of freight rail traffic through the City of Vaughan is not supported by Vaughan Council; and
2. **That**, Metrolinx be requested to consult directly with the City of Vaughan on the IBI Group Feasibility Study before any further detailed studies are carried out; and
3. **That**, staff report back to Committee of the Whole as further information becomes available on this issue; and
4. **That**, the City of Vaughan strongly objects to the addition of rerouting additional freight rail traffic through our community; and
5. **That**, the Prime Minister, The Premier, Federal and Provincial Transportation Ministers, local M.P.'s and M.P.P.'s, Region of York, the Cities of Cambridge, Mississauga, Toronto and Markham, the Towns of Milton and Richmond Hill, Metrolinx, CN Rail and CP Rail, be so advised, and further;
6. **That** staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

Attachments

1. Resolution dated March 1, 2016, City of Markham Council
2. Memo dated March 1, 2016, from Deputy Director, Engineering, to Development Services Committee, City of Markham.

(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.)