

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016

Item 22, 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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ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD REFORM

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillors Alan Shefman and Marilyn Iafrate, dated April 5, 2016:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillors Alan Shefman and Marilyn Iafrate.

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan, as a sophisticated urban municipality, provides a comprehensive process, utilizing highly skilled staff, external experts and the public to consider and approve a variety of land uses under the Planning Act of Ontario; and

**Whereas**, the City of Vaughan utilizes significant resources and funds preparing, attempting to implement and defending its Official Plan, as recently calculated for the Official Plan 2010, approximately \$18 million; and

**Whereas**, it is within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to approve Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that better the community or fit within the vision of the City of Vaughan Official Plan; and

**Whereas**, it is also within the legislative purview of Municipal Council to deny Official Plan amendments or Zoning By-law changes that, in the wisdom of Council, do not better the community, meet the requirements or vision of the Official Plan; and

**Whereas**, planning decisions may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB), an unelected, appointed body that is not accountable to the residents of Vaughan; and

**Whereas**, the current planning environment in Ontario has resulted in a process increasingly dominated by the powers of the OMB rather than the comprehensive local municipal planning procedures.

**Now therefore be it resolved, that** Vaughan City Council request the Government of Ontario, in its review of the Ontario Municipal Board, to consider the serious administrative and jurisdictional concerns being raised by municipalities; and

**Be it further resolved, that** in its review, the Government of Ontario ensure that the changes include those that will provide for more access to the OMB process by concerned community-based advocates such as ratepayers; and

**Be it further resolved, that** the report of the Municipal Councillors Summit on the OMB being planned for May 2016 be considered in the preparation of the City of Vaughan submission to the Provincial review of the OMB; and

**Be it further resolved, that** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable Patrick Brown, Leader of the Progressive Conservative Party, the Honourable Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, and all MPPs in the Province of Ontario; and

**Be it further resolved, that** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and to the facilitators of the Municipal Councillors Summit on the OMB.