

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015

Item 30, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 19, 2015.

**30 NEW BUSINESS - EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK IN VAUGHAN
 AND RAIL CARS TRANSPORTING DANGEROUS GOODS**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated May 5, 2015:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman.

Whereas, this is Emergency Preparedness Week in Vaughan, and

Whereas, this municipality takes the safety of its residents very seriously, and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan maintains a high level of preparedness for its ability to respond to an emergency, and

Whereas, within the City there are two major rail hubs that draw significant amounts of rail traffic travelling through densely populated areas of the municipality, and

Whereas, there are significant concerns being raised by municipalities across Canada with the significant increase in the transportation of dangerous goods, especially crude oil and in light of the Lac Megantic tragedy in 2013.

Therefore be it resolved:

1. That this Council calls on the Federal Government, the regulator of rail transportation in Canada, to require that rail cars transporting dangerous goods be routed outside of densely populated urban areas, such as the City of Vaughan;
2. That the timetable requiring improved safety features of those rail cars be significantly reduced;
3. That information on the goods being transported through municipalities in Canada be provided on a more timely and fulsome basis in order to allow emergency preparedness staff to be able to better respond to an accident; and
4. That the motion be forwarded to all MPs in York Region and Richmond Hill, Prime Minister Stephen Harper, The Federal Minister of Transportation, the Chair of York Region, FCM and AMO.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Shefman.