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Ms. McEwan

Please accept and post this communication in regards to Council voting unanimously on June 5 to publicly appointment the next Regional Councilor.

Dear Mr. Bevilacqua and Council,

Re: Filling the vacant Regional Council Seat

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Council,

I have copied some of Vaughan's ratepayers associations on this matter to encourage communication.

After reading the articles in the *Vaughan Citizen* and the *Toronto Star* regarding the Appointment of the vacant regional seat, as a resident I have some questions and concerns regarding this process.

I appreciate Councils attempt to expedite this process so the person selected has as much time possible to be brought up to speed on the position.

The concerns I have regarding this process is that we will be using city time, resources, and taxpayer money during the vetting process. Second, Mr. Carella's comments, and I quote: [that the candidate] "to make a public statement that it's not their intention for them to run again for the same office at the end of the term." If Council is interviewing candidates, and Council intends to select the best candidate for the job, why wouldn't they be able to run again? I interpret this statement as Mr. Carella is trying to limit any future competition. I could be wrong, so I welcome Mr. Carella providing some clarification regarding his statement. Mr. Carella went on to say "As we all know, incumbency is a major determinant of one's success in an election." If this is a position that a candidate earns during this process, why not let them run for the position again and let the voters decide whether or not the incumbent is worthy of re-election. Thirdly, if the candidate accepts not to run again, what motivation will this candidate have to do this job and bring 100% everyday knowing ultimately that they will not be able to run again? Lastly, this is not the most democratic way to fill this position. With all due respect to the Members of Council, it is the residents that votes for who represents us, not you.

The most democratic and cost-effective way is to look back to the 2014 Regional Councillor polling results and select the next candidate with most votes. This was the method that council adopted to appoint Regional Councillor Ferri to Deputy Mayor. If it was suitable enough to fill the significant role of Deputy Mayor, it should be the same method used to fill the Regional seat. You may find that the next candidate may not want the position so move down the list until the position is accepted. This process is the most transparent and democratic of all. This will ultimately show the residents that this is whom we chose. With all the negative press that our city is getting regarding our former Deputy Mayor Michael DiBiase, we can turn this into a good news story!

Respectfully,
Furio Liberatore.