



memorandum

DATE: DECEMBER 10, 2013

TO: MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JEFFREY A. ABRAMS, CITY CLERK

RE: FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 16, ITEM 4: COUNCIL COMPOSITION – REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK.

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Report No.	116 (F&A)
Council - December 10/13	

Council has before it today a report from the Interim City Manager which was deferred from the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of November 25, 2013. The report asks Council to consider providing consent to the adoption of a by-law by Regional Council permitting it to change its size by adding an additional member from Vaughan. The Region cannot pass its by-law without the consent of a majority of the municipalities in York Region who represent a majority of the population in the Region. Those majorities, coupled with the majority vote of Regional Council, constitute what is referred to as the required 'triple majority'.

For the information of Council, the Councils of the Town of East Gwillimbury, the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, the Town of Georgina and the Township of King have already declined to provide consent to the by-law. Similarly, the General Committee of the Town of Aurora on December 3 recommended that consent not be provided. That recommendation will be before Aurora Council on December 10, 2013.

The question of providing consent was before the Town of Richmond Hill's Committee of the Whole on December 2, however a vote on a motion to not provide the consent lost on a tie with the result that the matter was forwarded to Council without recommendation. The matter was before Richmond Hill Council yesterday evening, but was not called for separate discussion. As a result, Richmond Hill Council has not provided consent to the adoption of the by-law by Regional Council.

The Councils of the Town of Newmarket and the City of Markham have not as yet scheduled votes on the matter.

At this point in time five of the Region's nine local municipalities have either voted not to provide consent or having had the opportunity, failed to provide consent. Aurora Council will make its determination this evening.

Based on the foregoing information, Regional Council will be unable to pass its by-law to increase the size of its council by one additional member from Vaughan, having failed to achieve the necessary triple majority.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Jeffrey A. Abrams', written over a circular stamp or seal.

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk

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