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Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2012 12:33 PM
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Subject: Today's council meeting

Mr Abrams

Please include this email as written deputation to council.

Re: Attached amendment to bylaw 403-2003

Dear Council members

Please note that ALL actions taken by the City Manager are the responsibility of COUNCIL., whether they are delegated or not. Also please note that ALL expenses incurred by or on behalf of the Council and/or taxpayers of Vaughan MUST be accounted for in the annual budgets.

This bylaw, I believe, is problematic for Council, given the enormous scope increase of responsibilities and power assigned to the City Manager. I do not believe this new bylaw has the required checks and balances necessary to meet the Municipal Act.

Specifically: NO money can be spent by staff, except as accounted for in the annual budget. If a member of staff is fired, dismissed, etc. there is very likely to be monetary consequences. Therefore, based on this, the City Manager cannot make this decision, as it affects the budget of the City.

I believe that should any money be paid to the staff members, the money comes out of taxpayer funds and because it may be a dismissal, and has not gone before council, the money is being spent outside of the annual budget. As such, this money exceeds the approved budget, and essentially means the city will operate in a deficit position. Deficits are prohibited, as is spending money outside of the approved budget.

Additionally, there are limits to the powers that can be delegated to staff by council.

I urge you to read the Municipal Act.

Thank you