

CITY OF VAUGHAN

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014**

Item 19, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 27, 2014, as follows:

***By approving that the resolution submitted by Councillor DeFrancesca, dated May 13, 2014, be received.***

**19      BETTER INFORMING WARD COUNCILLORS OF STAFF ACTIVITY IN THEIR WARD**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends that consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of May 27, 2014.**

**Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

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***Whereas***, when it comes to emerging issues of a purely local nature (that is, issues that do not pertain to the regional level of government, nor to the City of Vaughan as a whole), it is imperative that ward councillors are aware of such issues, how residents expect the City to deal with such issues, and how staff resources may be deployed in that regard;

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## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

<b>Date:</b>	<b>MAY 13, 2014 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
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Respectfully submitted,

Rosanna DeFrancesca  
Councillor, Ward 3

## **Attachment 1 – Integrity Commissioner**

\*In a ruling furnished to a resident of “Ward A” who sought action on his behalf from a local councillor elected in “Ward B”, the Integrity Commissioner ruled that the Ward B councillor did not fail to discharge a duty of his office by not actioning on behalf of the complainant, as the resident was not a constituent of the ward councillor.