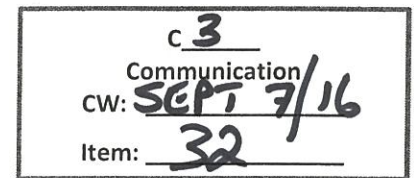


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Good afternoon Mayor and Members of Council

Mr. Abrams please post this communications in advance of the Sept 7 Committee of the Whole Meeting.

I am in agreement with the closed session investigation by Amberley Gavel in which they concluded that Vaughan Council was not properly in closed session as Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) on April 13, 2016 under section 239(1)(b) of the Municipal Act when it decided to create a new position of Deputy City Manager for Legal and Human Resources and appoint an individual into that position immediately. In my opinion this was an illegal meeting, contravening the Municipal Act.

I am of the opinion the Vaughan Council has far too many closed session meeting, some of which have had detrimental effects on communities and taxpayers. I am also of the view that certain members of council colluded to bring about this decision to adopt a new Deputy City Manager position in a hasty manner that was not transparent and kept the general public in the dark with respect to a decision that impacted the City's budget. The new position enacted commits taxpayers to paying in excess of \$200,00 for a new Deputy City Manager position that had no competitive recruitment process.

It is proper and customary that new positions are identified during the budget process and are revealed to the public in the form of new ARR (Additional Resource Request). It is during the budget process that the public can weigh into the discussion and ask questions as to why a new position is necessary. The now deemed illegal closed session meeting in question effectively shut the public out the process and effectively committed the public to spending that they were NOT consulted on.

Only a few short months ago, the previous City Manager set out an organizational restructuring of the City of Vaughan and it was conducted in an open and transparent manner before the public and agreed to by Council. If the previous City Manager had felt that a fourth Deputy City Manager was necessary at the time, he would have laid that out in his original plan.

Why did certain members of council find it necessary to use its power to over ride the City Manager within an illegally held meeting in closed session without public consultation?

In light of this investigation and its findings, I ask for council to bring forward and adopt a resolution for a reconsideration and defer the decision previously made in closed session. This should be deferred to the upcoming budget consultations where it belongs so that the general public can hear Council's rational for creating the new position in question and receive feedback for the public.

Only in this way can Council hope to correct the wrong that was identified in the investigators report below.

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Sincerely
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