

January 23, 2020

Mr. Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk Regional Municipality of York 17250 Yonge Street Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1 Email: regionalclerk@york.ca

Dear Mr. Raynor,

Re: Richmond Hill Resolution – Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding Regional Consolidation of Fire Services

Richmond Hill City Council, at its meeting held on January 22, 2020, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Fire Services is an essential service for the protection of people and property in Richmond Hill; and

Whereas Fire Services are provided by all municipalities; and

Whereas fire suppression should be planned without regard for municipal boundaries to determine the optimal location of stations for public safety; and

Whereas fire suppression is currently planned based on municipal boundaries; and

Whereas the majority of response calls made by Fire Services are medical-based calls; and

Whereas Police and Emergency Medical Services are already consolidated and delivered by York Region; and

Whereas effective and efficient service may be better planned and delivered by consolidating Fire Services at the Regional level together with other first response services; and

Whereas administrative efficiencies may be gained on non-suppression fire activities such as training, education, dispatch, vehicle maintenance and inspections; and

Whereas York Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson supports Regional consolidation of Fire Services;

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

i) That York Region be requested to upload fire services for the purpose of consolidating Fire Services at the regional level;

ii) That said action involve all York Region municipalities; and

iii) That this resolution be forwarded to York Region and the other York Region local municipalities for support.

Please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed resolution for your records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (905) 771-2529.

Yours sincerely,

Stephen M.A. Huycke Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

Attachment

Extract from Council Meeting C#01-20 held January 22, 2020 Confirmatory By-law 7-20

14. Other Business

14.1 Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Regional Consolidation of Fire Services

Moved by:Regional and Local Councillor PerrelliSeconded by:Councillor Beros

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A recorded vote was taken:

- In favour: (7): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Mayor Barrow, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Liu, Councillor West
- Opposed: (1): Councillor Muench

Motion Carried (7 to 1)

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