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MANDATED COUNCIL COMPOSITION REVIEW

Presented to
Committee of the Whole

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York Region

Composition Review Required By Legislation:

Following the regular election in 2018 and following every second regular election after that, a regional municipality shall review, for each of its lower-tier municipalities, **the number of members of its council that represent the lower-tier municipality.**

- Municipal Act, section 218(6)

MUNICIPAL ACT REQUIREMENT

Before December 7, 2020 Council **must** do one of the following:

1. Pass a Bylaw to change the composition of Council

OR

2. Pass a Resolution to maintain the status quo

Failure to render a decision by December 2020
could lead to Ministerial intervention

TRIPLE MAJORITY IS REQUIRED FOR EITHER DECISION



YORK REGION COUNCIL'S CURRENT COMPOSITION

Local Municipality	Estimated Population (2018)	Number of Regional Members	Average Population Per Member
Aurora	62,107	1	62,107
East Gwillimbury	31,677	1	31,677
Georgina	48,399	2	24,200
King	27,691	1	27,691
Markham	347,103	5	69,421
Newmarket	89,386	2	44,693
Richmond Hill	206,883	3	68,961
Vaughan	329,032	4	82,258
Whitchurch-Stouffville	49,078	1	49,078
York Region	1,191,356	20 + 1*	59,568**

*Note: +1 denotes Regional Chair position

**Calculation excludes Regional Chair position

HISTORICAL CHANGES TO YORK REGION COUNCIL COMPOSITION

Year	Population	# of Councillors (excluding Chair position)	Average Per Regionally elected Council Member (excluding Chair)
1970	151,000	16	9,438
1978	232,838	17	13,696
1988	434,757	19	22,882
2003	855,000	20	42,750

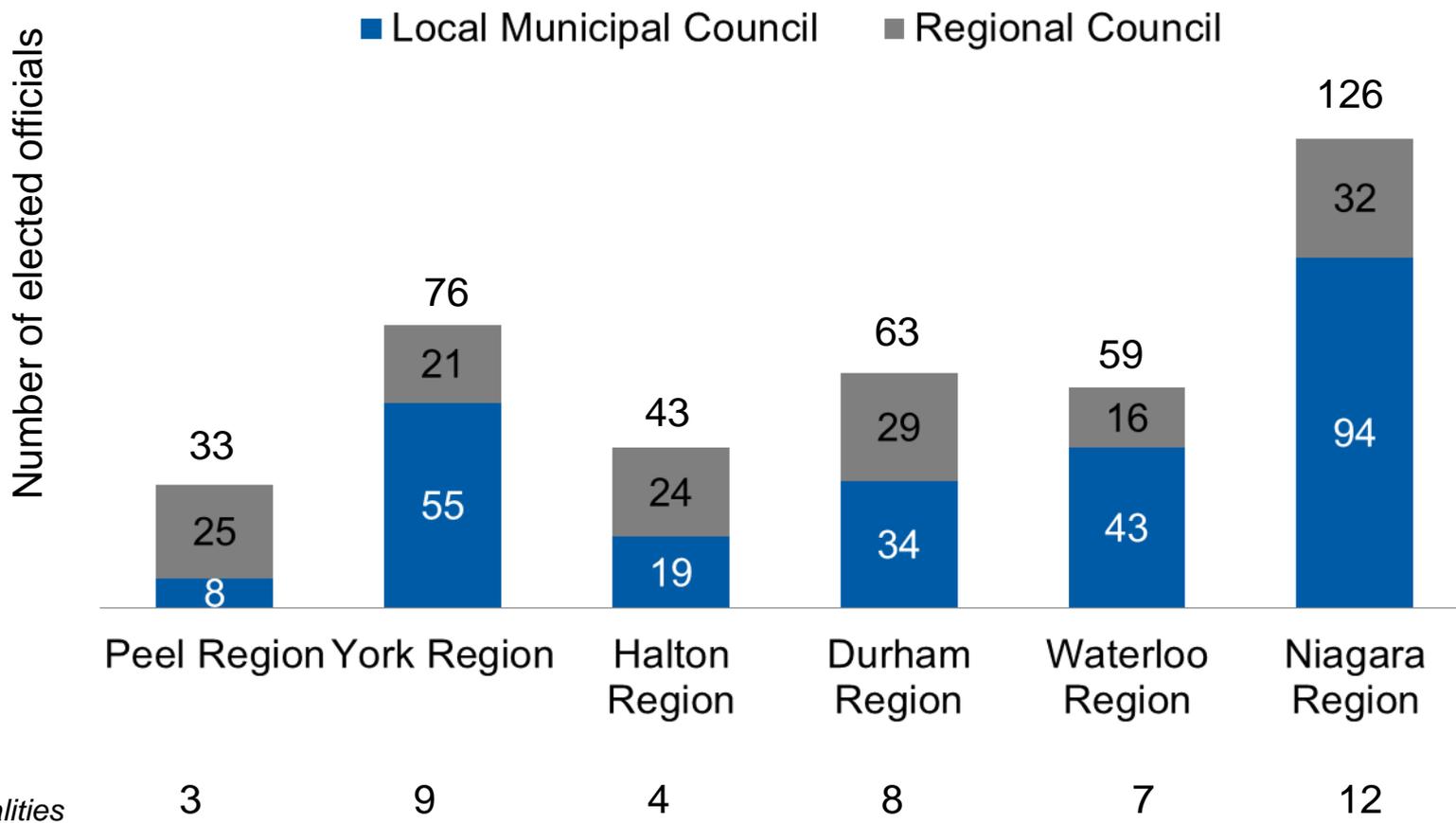
RECENT COUNCIL COMPOSITION CHANGES WITHIN YORK REGION

Council has recently considered specific changes to its composition:

- **May 16, 2013** – one additional member for Vaughan - unsuccessful
- **June 27, 2013** – four additional members (Aurora, East Gwillimbury, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville) - unsuccessful
- **June 2017** – extra member from Vaughan – did not achieve triple majority

COMPARING TOTAL NUMBER OF ELECTED OFFICIALS AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

Total Number of Local and Regional Elected Officials – by Region



of municipalities

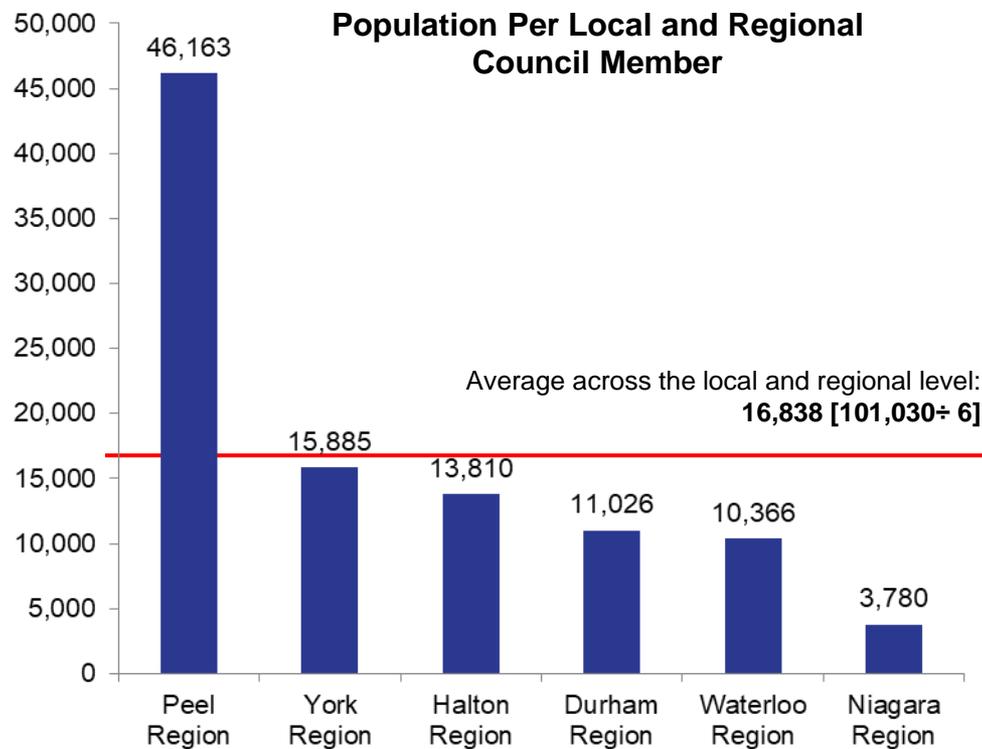
Note: Regional Council is inclusive of Chair position. Total number of Councillors includes the Regional Chair position.

LOCAL COUNCIL COMPOSITION

York Region	Regional & Local	Local Only	Total
Regional Chair			1
Aurora	1	6	7
East Gwillimbury	1	6	7
Georgina	2	5	7
King	1	6	7
Markham	5	8	13
Newmarket	2	7	9
Richmond Hill	3	6	9
Vaughan	4	5	9
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	6	7
Total	20	55	76

POPULATION PER LOCAL AND REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER — BY REGION

Region	Number of Local and Regional Members	Pop. (2018)	Pop. Per Local And Regional Member
Peel Region	32 + 1*	1,477,200	46,163
York Region	75 + 1*	1,191,356	15,885
Halton Region	42 + 1*	580,000	13,810
Durham Region	62 + 1*	683,600	11,026
Waterloo Region	58 + 1*	601,220	10,366
Niagara Region	125 + 1*	472,448	3,780



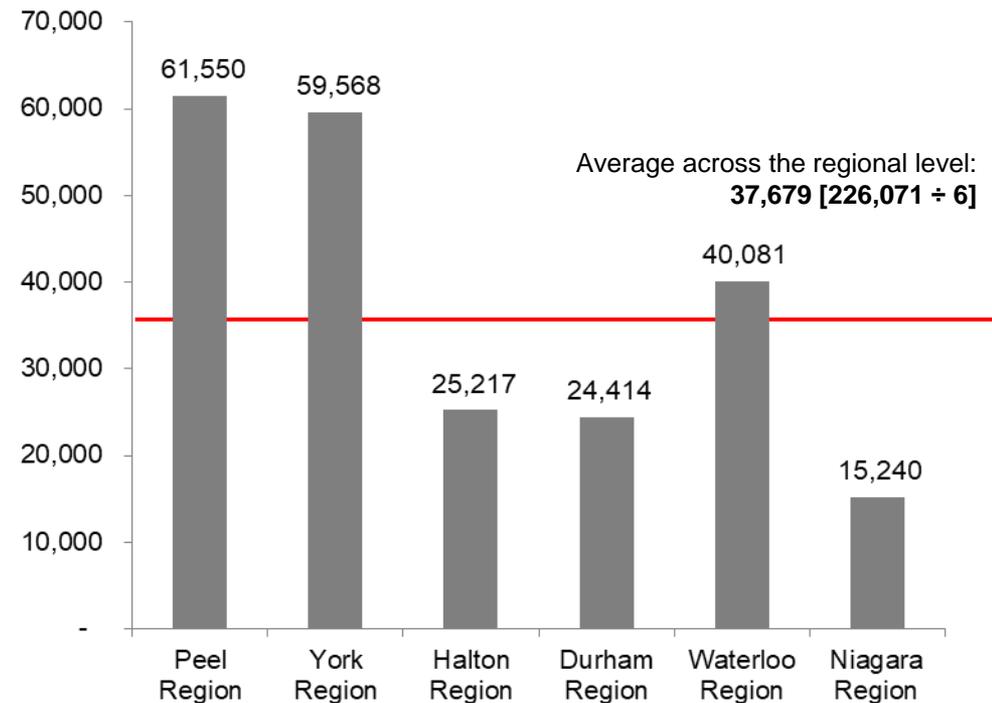
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RATIO OF REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBERS TO RESIDENTS

Region	# of Regional Officials	Pop. (2018)	Pop. Per Elected Regional Council Member
Peel Region	24 + 1*	1,477,200	61,550
York Region	20 + 1*	1,191,356	59,568
Halton Region	23 + 1*	580,000	25,217
Durham Region	28 + 1*	683,600	24,414
Waterloo Region	15 + 1*	601,220	40,081
Niagara Region	31 + 1*	472,448	15,240

Population Per Elected Regional Council Member

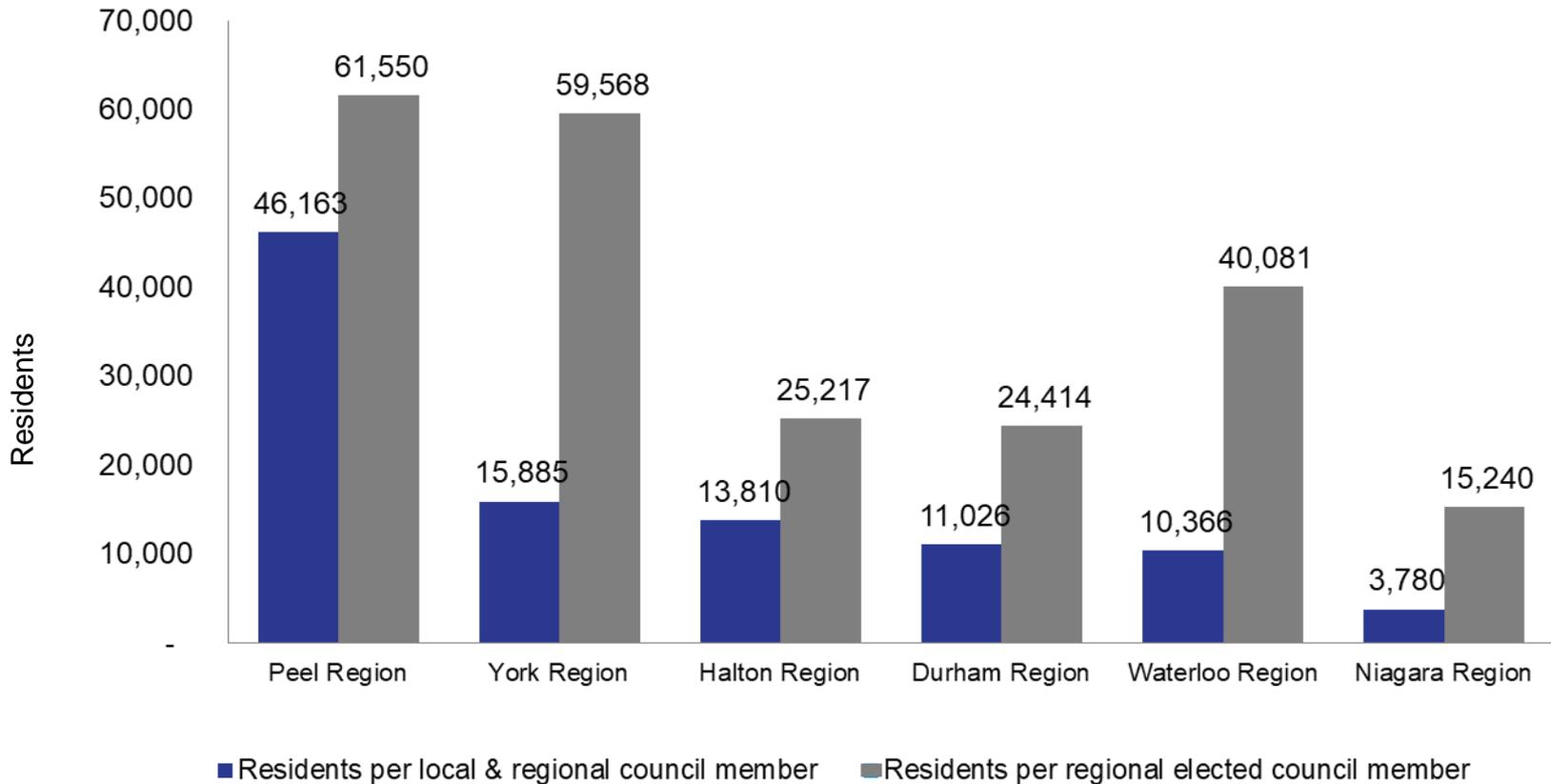


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RESIDENTS PER LOCAL & REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER

RESIDENTS PER REGIONAL COUNCIL MEMBER



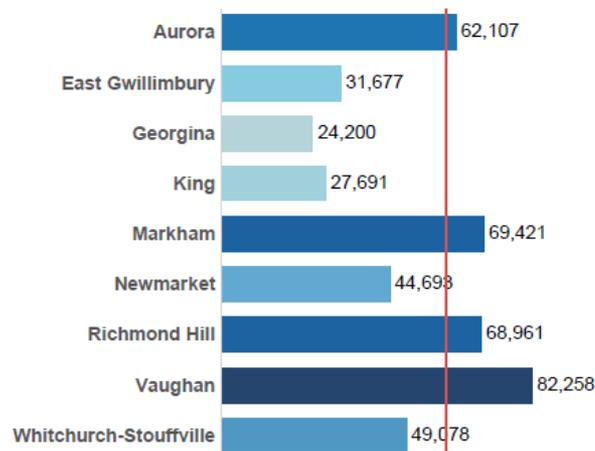
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TESTING COUNCIL COMPOSITION SIZES (DASHBOARD SAMPLE)

Structure of Regional Council - Representation by Population - Population Year 2018

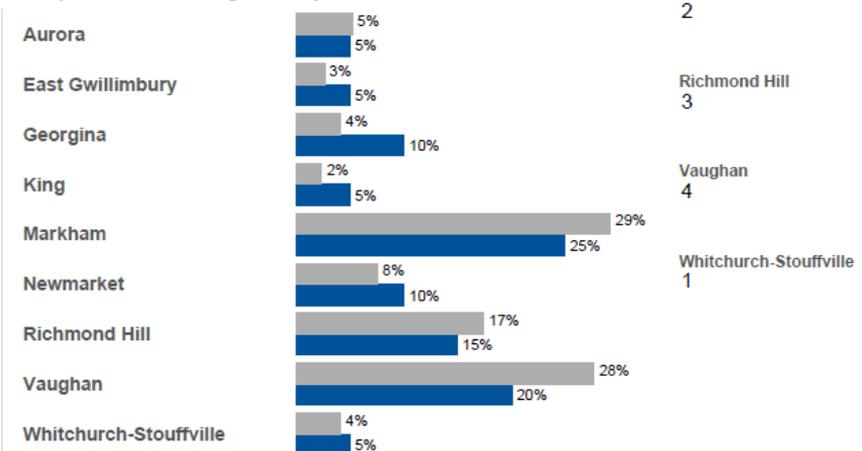
Municipality	# of Elected Members	Population	Population per Elected Member	% Population	% Representation	Year 2018
Aurora	1	62,107	62,107	5%	5%	Aurora 1
East Gwillimbury	1	31,677	31,677	3%	5%	East Gwillimbury 1
Georgina	2	48,399	24,200	4%	10%	Georgina 2
King	1	27,691	27,691	2%	5%	King 1
Markham	5	347,103	69,421	29%	25%	Markham 5
Newmarket	2	89,386	44,693	8%	10%	Newmarket 2
Richmond Hill	3	206,883	68,961	17%	15%	Richmond Hill 3
Vaughan	4	329,032	82,258	28%	20%	Vaughan 4
Whitchurch-Stouffville	1	49,078	49,078	4%	5%	Whitchurch-Stouffville 1
Total	20	1,191,358	59,568	100%	100%	

Population Per Elected Member



Average Population per Elected Member **59,568**

% Population and % Regional Representation



Legend ■ % Population ■ % Regional Representation

PROJECTED TIMELINES

Regional Council Consideration

February 27, 2020
Seek direction



April 23, 2020
Regional Council
give notice of
intention to pass
bylaw or resolution



Local Council Consideration

April 24, 2020
Circulate draft
bylaw or
resolution to local
municipalities



June 25, 2020
Deadline for
resolutions from
local municipalities
and confirm
whether threshold
was met



Public Process & Ratification

September 2020
Report back to
Council / hold
mandatory public
meeting



**November
26, 2020**
Last scheduled
Regional Council
meeting before
mandated
deadline



**December 7 2020 - Provincially mandated deadline for passage of bylaw or resolution*

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Council approve the timelines to complete the legislated review of Council composition as detailed in Attachment 1.
2. Council provide direction regarding its intent to change or maintain the number of its members representing each local municipality.
3. The Regional Clerk circulate this report to the local municipalities.