

**YORK REGIONAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION  
FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES –  
BIG CITIES MAYORS’ CAUCUS EXPANSION**

WHEREAS, the role of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) is to unite local governments of all sizes; shape the national agenda; provide unique tools; build local capacity; defend municipality interests and connect local leaders.

WHEREAS, FCM has a Big City Mayors’ Caucus (BCMC) that brings together representatives from 22 of Canada’s biggest cities, offering a forum for policy development on a range of issues affecting Canada’s largest centres.

WHEREAS, York Region’s two largest municipalities, the City of Markham (pop. 349,007) and City of Vaughan (pop. 331,573) are within the population ranges of the current 22 BCMC members, which range from the smallest municipality: St. John’s (pop. 212,433) to the largest: City of Toronto (pop. 2,965,713).

WHEREAS, York Region communities rank among the most diverse in Canada, with 49% of the population self-identifying as belonging to a visible minority, in contrast to Ontario’s 29% and Canada’s 22%, respectively.

WHEREAS, as of December 2019, York Region, with an estimated population of 1.2 million residents, 52,000 business establishments (employers), and 640,000 jobs is among Canada’s largest and fastest growing municipal jurisdictions without representation on FCM’s BCMC

WHEREAS, citizens’ needs can be more inclusively reflected in federal policies and programs through better representation of the Canadian population and York Region’s mosaic of cultures, stories, and voices can provide BCMC membership greater diversity and representation

**THEREFORE be it resolved that:**

1. York Region Council seek to have at least one of its local municipalities included as a member of the Big Cities Mayors’ Caucus (BCMC).
2. This resolution be forwarded to the FCM Board of Directors, in addition to the 22 current BCMC members seeking approval of a BCMC expansion to include representation from York Region.

*Dated: June 25, 2020*