

## **MEMORANDUM**

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of Regional Council

From: Bruce Macgregor  
Chief Administrative Officer

Date: September 17, 2020

Re: **Regional Council Composition - Additional Member Representing the City of Vaughan**

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### **In February 2020, Council directed staff to commence the triple majority process**

On [February 27, 2020](#) Regional Council considered a review of its composition and made the following decision:

1. That Council add one member representing the City of Vaughan, with no further adjustments to be made to the composition of Council at this time.
2. That Council start the triple majority process as quickly as possible.
3. That the Regional Clerk circulate this report to the Clerks of the nine local municipalities.

### **Council must achieve a 'triple majority' approval before it can enact a bylaw to change its composition**

A bylaw to change the composition of council requires triple majority support. This means that the bylaw must be supported by a majority of Regional council and a majority of local councils who represent a majority of electors. In this context, an elector is a person who was on the voters' list at the end of the last municipal election day.

To start the triple majority process, local municipalities were requested to consent to a draft bylaw to add one member representing the City of Vaughan by no later than May 15, 2020.

On [June 11, 2020](#), Council received a report containing resolutions from all nine local municipalities. Table 1 contains a summary of the local municipal responses. It shows that a majority of local municipalities, representing approximately 95% of York Region electors,

consent to the bylaw to increase the number of representatives from the City of Vaughan. This meets the requirements of two of the components of the triple majority process.

**Table 1**  
**Responses from Local Municipalities**

Municipality	% of Electors	Consented to Bylaw
<b>Aurora</b>	5%	No
<b>East Gwillimbury</b>	3%	Yes
<b>Georgina</b>	5%	Yes
<b>King</b>	3%	Yes
<b>Newmarket</b>	8%	Yes
<b>Whitchurch-Stouffville</b>	4%	Yes
<b>Markham</b>	28%	Yes
<b>Richmond Hill</b>	16%	Yes
<b>Vaughan</b>	28%	Yes

**To complete the triple majority process, Council must hold a public meeting and then enact the bylaw**

At the June 25, 2020 Council meeting, the Regional Clerk was directed to issue notice of a public meeting in September 2020. An advertisement for the September 17, 2020 meeting was published in local newspapers on September 10, 2020 giving notice to the public of Council's intention to pass a bylaw to change its composition. Additionally, the agenda for this meeting was posted on the Region's website on September 10, 2020.

Following the public meeting, Council needs to enact the proposed bylaw prior to the December 2020 deadline to complete the triple majority process. If enacted, the change would be in effect for the 2022 Municipal Election.

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