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Subject: Regional Council Resolution - Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Big City Mayors" Caucus Expansion
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[Att 1 - York Region and BCMC Population Numbers.pdf](#)

On June 25, 2020 Regional Council adopted the following resolution:

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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 representation from the City of Markham and the City of Vaughan on 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.

For more information on this resolution, please contact Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71200. Accessible formats or communication supports are available upon request.

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FEDERATION OF CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES –
BIG CITIES MAYORS' CAUCUS EXPANSION**

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Dated: June 25, 2020

York Region Populations Compared to All BCMC Member Cities

Source: Various municipal 2019 estimates and Statistics Canada 2019 Population Estimates for CDs and CMAs and Economic Regions.

*York Region Data Source (as of December 31, 2019): York Region, Corporate Services, Long Range Planning Branch, based on Statistics Canada data and CMHC Housing Completion data.

Compared to All Cities	Province	Population
Toronto	ON	2,965,713
Montreal	QC	2,052,910
Calgary	AB	1,285,700
Ottawa	ON	1,028,500
Edmonton	AB	972,200
Winnipeg	MB	763,900
Mississauga	ON	756,123
Vancouver	BC	685,885
Brampton	ON	659,704
Hamilton	ON	574,263
Surrey	BC	557,310
Quebec	QC	546,424
London	ON	545,441
Halifax	NS	440,348
Laval	QC	438,973
Windsor	ON	354,917
Markham*	ON	349,007
Vaughan*	ON	331,573
Gatineau	QC	287,868
Saskatoon	SK	272,200
Regina	SK	261,684
Kitchener	ON	261,610
Longueuil	QC	249,997
St. John's	NL	212,433
Richmond Hill*	ON	209,538

BCMC Membership Representation by Province — Comparison of Current Status, Proposal with York Region, against Canadian Population

