

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 7, 2025**

Item 1, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session), which was adopted without amendment, by the Council of the City of Vaughan, on May 7, 2025:

#### **1. UPDATES TO THE CITY'S TREE PROTECTION BY-LAW AND TREE PROTECTION PROTOCOL**

**The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works, dated May 7, 2025, be approved;**
- 2) That City staff advise York Region that the City of Vaughan will be assuming jurisdiction over woodlots, and that City staff bring forward the necessary By-law amendments, including the repeal of By-law 229-2005;**
- 3) That Vaughan City Council request York Region to delegate the authority to regulate forestry-related matters pursuant to 135(8) of the Municipal Act, as well as any other forestry matters that York Region currently has authority over, and that staff be authorized to execute any agreements and bring forward any necessary By-law amendments required to the satisfaction of the Deputy City Manager, Public Works and Office of the City Solicitor;**
- 4) That Vaughan City Council waive the requirements of the Procedure By-law and call a Special Council meeting immediately following the May 7, 2025, Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting;**
- 5) That the presentation by Shanon Kalra-Ramjoo, Director, Parks Forestry and Horticulture Operations and Miles Peart, Manager, Urban Forestry, Parks Forestry and Horticulture Operations, and Communication C1., presentation material titled "*Tree Protection By-law and Tree Protection Protocol*" be received; and**
- 6) That Communication C3., from Robert A. Kenedy, President of the MacKenzie Ridge Ratepayers Association, dated May 6, 2025, be received.**

#### **Recommendations:**

- 1. That Council authorize repealing Tree Protection By-law 052-2018, as amended, and replacing it with the By-law substantially in the form of Attachment 1, in a form satisfactory to Legal Services;**

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2. That Council authorize the updated Tree Protection Protocol in Attachment 2;
3. That Council direct staff to explore streamlining and transitioning governance related to tree protection from York Region to the City with a view of enhancing local oversight and implementation efficiency while fostering a greater role for the City in regulatory and enforcement matters in support of the objectives of the Urban Forest Management Plan; and
4. That the City Clerk be directed to share a copy of this Report with York Region.