



November 8, 2016

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly,

Re: Regional Council Governance Review – (Staff Report SRCFS.16.046)

In response to your letter and report dated October 13, 2016 regarding the Review of Regional Council Governance, Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on October 24, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

- a) That consideration of Staff Report SRCFS.16.046 regarding the Regional Council Governance Review be referred to the November 7, 2016, Committee of the Whole meeting;
- b) That Committee of the Whole be delegated authority to provide comments on the Regional Council Governance Review on behalf of Council."

Richmond Hill Committee of the Whole at its meeting held on November 7, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

"That staff report SRCFS.16.046 regarding the Regional Governance Review be received."

Please accept the above as Richmond Hill's comments regarding the Review of Regional Council Governance to be considered at the November 10, 2016 Regional Committee of the Whole meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk, at 905-771-8800.

Yours sincerely,

A blue ink signature of Stephen M.A. Huycke, written in a cursive style.

Stephen M.A. Huycke
Town Clerk



Staff Report for Committee of the Whole Meeting

Date of Meeting: October 17, 2016

Report Number: SRCFS.16.046

Department: Corporate and Financial Services

Division: Office of the Clerk

Subject: Regional Council Governance Review

Purpose:

To facilitate Council's opportunity to provide comments on the Regional Council Governance Review, as requested by York Region's Committee of the Whole on October 13, 2016.

Recommendation(s):

- a) That staff report SRCFS.16.046 be received.
- b) That Council provide comments on the Regional Governance Review by adopting one or more motions as set out in Attachment 1 to staff report CFS.16.046.

Contact Person:

Stephen M.A. Huycke, Director, Council Support Services/Town Clerk, Extension 2529

Submitted by:

David Dexter

Acting Commissioner of Corporate and Financial Services/Treasurer

Approved by:

Neil Garbe

Chief Administrative Officer

Background:

On February 18, 2016, Council for the Regional Municipality of York directed Regional staff to undertake review of regional governance, including: (a) the method of electing the Regional Chair; (b) direct vs double direct election of Members; (c) weighted voting; and, (d) Regional Council composition. Regional Committee of the Whole considered a report on this matter on October 13, 2016 (Attachment 2). Consideration of the governance review report has been deferred to the Regional Committee of the Whole meeting on November 10, 2016. Regional Committee of the Whole has recommended that the nine local municipalities be provided an opportunity to submit comments on the regional governance review prior to this meeting.

Attachment 1 is a summary of various clauses that Council may pass as a means to provide comments on the Regional Governance Review options discussed in Attachment 2. The Regional staff report includes an analysis of each of the options. Any motion adopted by Council on October 24, 2016 will be sent to the Regional Clerk prior to the Regional Committee of the Whole meeting on November 10, 2016.

Financial/Staffing/Other Implications:

None

Relationship to the Strategic Plan:

None

Conclusion:

Regional Committee of the Whole is requesting that all local Councils provide comments on the Regional Council Governance Review. Council may provide comments on the several options being considered.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1 – Regional Council Governance Review Summary
- Attachment 2 – Regional Clerk’s letter dated October 13, 2016

Regional Council Governance Review Summary

Maintain current Regional Council governance model

1. That Council supports maintaining the current Regional Council Governance structure, including: the current size of Regional Council; the manner in which members of Regional Council are elected; as well as the current allocation of one vote per member of Regional Council.

Double-direct election of Regional Council members

- 2(a) That Council supports maintaining the current system of double-direct election for Regional Council Members, where Regional Council members also serve as members of the local council.
- 2(b) That Council supports implementation of a direct electoral system for Regional Council Members, where Regional Council members serve only at the regional level and not at the local level.

Change in size of Regional Council

- 3(a) That Council supports maintaining the current size of Regional Council.
- 3(b) That Council supports increasing the size of Regional Council by providing an additional member for Vaughan.
- 3(c) That Council supports increasing the size of Regional Council by providing an additional member for Vaughan, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, King and Whitchurch-Stouffville.
- 3(d) That Council supports increasing the size of Regional Council by providing an additional member for Vaughan, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville and Markham.
- 3(e) That Council supports increasing the size of Regional Council by providing an additional member for Vaughan, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, King, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Markham and Richmond Hill.

Weighted voting

- 4(a) That Council supports, should the current size of Regional Council be maintained, the use of weighted voting on Regional Council.
- 4(b) That Council does not support the use of weighted voting on Regional Council.

Election of Regional Chair

- 5(a) That Council supports maintaining the current system of electing the Regional Chair at the Regional Council inaugural meeting.
- 5(b) That Council supports the direct election of the Regional Chair.



Regional Clerk's Office
Corporate Services Department

October 13, 2016

Mr. Stephen Huycke
Director of Council Support Services/Town Clerk
Town of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road, Box 300
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

Dear Mr. Huycke:

Re: Review of Regional Council Governance

At today's meeting of the Region's Committee of the Whole, Committee recommended that the attached report regarding "Review of Regional Council Governance" be deferred for consideration at its meeting of November 10, 2016.

Committee also recommended that the report be circulated for consideration and comments from the local municipal councils. Please submit comments to me by November 3 if possible, or in any event, before the November 10 meeting of the Region's Committee of the Whole.

Please contact me at 1-877-464-9675 ext. 71300 if you have any questions with respect to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denis Kelly".

Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

/C. Martin
Attachment