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Richmond



May 31, 2013

Kimberly Kitteringham, City Clerk Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

Re: Delegation by Greg Horton, President, Richmond Hill Professional Fire Fighters Association L-1957 - Request to investigate the feasibility of uploading Fire Services to the Region of York

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting on May 27, 2013 approved the following resolution in response to a presentation from the President of the Richmond Hill Professional Fire Fighters Association L-1957:

- "a) That the Town of Richmond Hill conduct a pilot project for a two year period to implement Automatic Aid with the City of Vaughan and the City of Markham;
- b) That the Fire Chief be authorized to enter into discussions for Automatic Aid agreements with City of Vaughan and City of Markham;
- c) That the Fire Chief consult with the Richmond Hill Professional Firefighters Association and report back to Council;
- That this Resolution be circulated to the cities of Vaughan and Markham for their consideration;
- e) That the Region of York be notified of the Town of Richmond Hill's decision."

In accordance with Council's directive, the foregoing Council resolution in this regard has been forwarded to your attention.

Sincerely,

Donna L. McLarty Town Clerk

cc: S. Baker, Commissioner of Community Services S. Kraft, Fire Chief

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FOR INQUIRIES:

PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.

April 29, 2013

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Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham, City Clerk City of Markham 101 Town Centre Blvd. Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

RE: DEPUTATION – MR. MIKE DOYLE WITH RESPECT TO CREATING A REGIONAL FIRE SERVICE

I write to advise you that Vaughan Council at its meeting held on April 23, 2013, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Council of the City of Vaughan deems it a high priority to provide efficient and effective fire and emergency response capability;

Whereas there currently is a Region-wide mutual aid agreement to provide fire, rescue and emergency response assistance upon request;

Whereas automatic aid (first response) provides immediate reciprocal fire, rescue and emergency response support to neighbouring municipalities;

Whereas Council deems it appropriate to investigate the effectiveness and feasibility of the implementation of automatic aid to improve emergency response capability and safety; and

Whereas implementation of automatic aid can be facilitated through execution of automatic aid agreements with the City of Markham and the Town of Richmond Hill in York Region.

Now Therefore the Council of the City of Vaughan resolves:

That the City of Vaughan conduct a pilot project for a two year period to implement automatic aid, being reciprocal fire, rescue, and emergency response support, with the City of Markham and the Town of Richmond Hill in response to emergencies;

That the Acting Fire Chief be authorized to enter into discussions regarding automatic aid agreements between the City of Vaughan and the City of Markham and the town of Richmond Hill to facilitate the pilot project, to consult with the Vaughan Professional Firefighters Association representatives, and to report to a future Council;

That this resolution be circulated immediately to the City of Markham and Town of Richmond Hill for their consideration; and

That this resolution be circulated to the other municipalities in York Region for information.

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> That upon agreement with the Professional Firefighters Association and the Council's of Vaughan, Markham and Richmond Hill on a plan and a set of identified milestones required to achieve automatic aid to support the resolution, that the Region be notified of the City of Vaughan's support for further study of amalgamation of Fire Services across York Region and that the decision be rendered prior to December 2014.

Attached for your information is Item 35, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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Jeffrey A. Abrams City Clerk

Attachment: Extract

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