



Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor

May 12, 2017

His Worship Frank Scarpitti
City of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

I am grateful to serve with you and our colleagues at Regional Council to continue to improve the quality of life for the more than one-million citizens who call York Region home. Together, our Council has provided greater access to healthcare, created safer communities, and invested in key social and economic infrastructure. As a result, we have built one of the most prosperous regions in the country.

It is an undeniable fact that the population of all our municipalities is growing and will continue for years to come. For that reason, the composition of our Regional Council should take measured steps to adapt to this growth. In 2018 Vaughan's population will exceed 335,000 people which means in terms of electoral representation that one member serve 83,750 citizens. This makes Vaughan the most under-represented municipality at the Region. The request to increase Regional Council by one member for Vaughan is solely based in good governance – representation by population.

As you are aware, the province is proactively taking steps with the introduction of Bill 68, now at Third Reading, to allow for our local municipalities with a single member to appoint an alternate when the elected official cannot attend a Regional Committee or Council meeting. This will ensure that every local municipality will have a voice at the table and maintain their representation by population for their respective residents.

Therefore, I am writing on behalf of the over 330,000 citizens of Vaughan asking you to support the adoption of a by-law that will change the composition and size of Regional Council. By consenting to this change, it will support our shared value of good governance.

Let's continue to work together "Creating Strong, Caring, Safe Communities" in York Region.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maurizio Bevilacqua'.

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, P.C.
Mayor