



Date: May 26, 2017

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: K. Kitteringham, City Clerk

RE: **Summary of Information RE: York Region Governance**

Please find below a brief summary of information that has been received to date on the matter of changing the composition of York Regional Council to increase the number of Vaughan's Members from four to five:

	Consent to add Additional Member for Vaughan
Markham	TBD
Vaughan	Yes
Richmond Hill	No position taken
Aurora	No
Newmarket	TBD
East Gwillimbury	No
King	No
Georgina	No
Whitchurch-Stouffville	Yes

Definition of Triple Majority

Section 219(2) of the Act provides that before a by-law changing the composition of Council and/or introducing weighted voting comes into force, a "triple majority" must be attained as follows:

- a majority of all votes on Regional Council must be cast in its favour
- a majority of Councils from the nine local municipalities must pass resolutions consenting to the by-law
- the total number of electors, (i.e. eligible voters from the last municipal election), in the local municipalities that have passed resolutions consenting to the by-law must form a majority of all electors in York Region

Brief Summary of Process for Changing Composition

Regional Council must request and receive a Minister's Regulation and achieve Triple Majority.

If Regulation is approved by the Minister*, and prior to approving any changes, public notice must be given and a public meeting must be held to consider the matter.

Before a by-law changing the composition comes into force a Triple Majority must be attained.

The requisite steps must be completed by December 31, 2017 to be in effect for newly-elected Council of December 1, 2018.

*NOTE: The Minister did pass a Regulation at the Region's request (Regulation 279/13) permitting the increase of Vaughan's members from four to five, but did not achieve Triple Majority at that time. The Regulation is still in effect.