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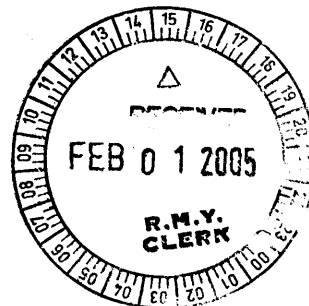
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January 28, 2005

Mr. Denis Kelly, Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

**RE: REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE
(ITEM 11, BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2004)**

I am writing to advise you that Vaughan Council, at its meeting held on January 24, 2005, adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is receiving requests for financial assistance from the other municipalities in the Province;

WHEREAS many of the budgetary issues facing municipalities in Ontario are common to municipalities throughout the Province;

WHEREAS there are local municipal cost increases directly attributable to meeting provincial requirements;

WHEREAS the City of Vaughan has worked hard to achieve low property tax rates and the lowest property tax ratios in the province;

WHEREAS affordability and the level of property taxation is a concern to the City of Vaughan;

WHEREAS the level of property taxation is directly impacted by the funding of provincially mandated services and administering provincial social policies;

WHEREAS the ability to further increase property taxes is a concern to the City of Vaughan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that to avoid a property tax increase greater than the rate of inflation the Provincial government be requested to provide financial assistance to the City of Vaughan in the amount of \$5.6 million;

That the Province of Ontario review what services are currently funded from property taxation with the objective of funding the implementation and administration of broad social policies from a source other than property taxation; and

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That this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the local MPP's.

Attached for your information is **Minute No. 10**, regarding the above noted matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John D. Leach".

J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

JDL/as

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES JANUARY 24, 2005

10. **REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE**
(ITEM 11, BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 14, 2004)
(Budget Report No. 1)

MOVED by Councillor Meffe
seconded by Councillor Carella

That the following resolution of Councillor Meffe, dated December 14, 2004, be adopted.

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Meffe

That the resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario with a population exceeding or equal to 240,000.

CARRIED

Upon the question of the main motion, as amended, being:

That the following resolution of Councillor Meffe, dated December 14, 2004, be adopted; and

That the resolution be circulated to all municipalities in Ontario with a population equal to, or exceeding 240,000.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY UPON A RECORDED VOTE

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NAYS

Councillor Carella
Mayor Di Biase
Councillor Di Vona
Regional Councillor Ferri
Regional Councillor Jackson
Councillor Meffe
Councillor Shefman
Councillor Yeung Racco

Recommendation

The Budget Committee recommends:

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