



January 23, 2020

Ms. Lisa Lyons, Town Clerk  
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Dear Ms. Lyons,

**Re: Richmond Hill Resolution – Member Motion submitted by Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli regarding Regional Consolidation of Fire Services**

Richmond Hill City Council, at its meeting held on January 22, 2020, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas Fire Services is an essential service for the protection of people and property in Richmond Hill; and

Whereas Fire Services are provided by all municipalities; and

Whereas fire suppression should be planned without regard for municipal boundaries to determine the optimal location of stations for public safety; and

Whereas fire suppression is currently planned based on municipal boundaries; and

Whereas the majority of response calls made by Fire Services are medical-based calls; and

Whereas Police and Emergency Medical Services are already consolidated and delivered by York Region; and

Whereas effective and efficient service may be better planned and delivered by consolidating Fire Services at the Regional level together with other first response services; and

Whereas administrative efficiencies may be gained on non-suppression fire activities such as training, education, dispatch, vehicle maintenance and inspections; and

Whereas York Regional Chair Wayne Emmerson supports Regional consolidation of Fire Services;

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- i) That York Region be requested to upload fire services for the purpose of consolidating Fire Services at the regional level;
- ii) That said action involve all York Region municipalities; and
- iii) That this resolution be forwarded to York Region and the other York Region local municipalities for support.

Please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed resolution for your records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (905) 771-2529.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Huycke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen M.A. Huycke  
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

Attachment

**Extract from Council Meeting  
C#01-20 held January 22, 2020  
Confirmatory By-law 7-20**

**14. Other Business**

**14.1 Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli - Regional Consolidation of Fire Services**

Moved by: Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli  
Seconded by: Councillor Beros

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A recorded vote was taken:

In favour: (7): Regional and Local Councillor Perrelli, Councillor Chan, Councillor Beros, Mayor Barrow, Councillor Cilevitz, Councillor Liu, Councillor West

Opposed: (1): Councillor Muench

Motion Carried (7 to 1)

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