
From: Debbie Schaefer
Sent: Wednesday, November 18, 2015 5:44 PM
To: Regional Clerk
Subject: Motion on 11/19 Council Agenda re: Election of Regional Chair

To: Regional Chair Emmerson and Members of York Region Council,

I am very supportive of the motion put forth by Regional Councillor Joe Li and seconded by Mayor Justin Altmann that York Region Council show support for Bill 42 and that York Region should request the Province to pass Bill 42 requiring that the Chair of York Region be elected by general vote commencing in the next municipal election.

The rationale for an elected Chair is principled & is rooted in a desire to see the democratic process used to help make sure that there is accountability & transparency in what the Region does. The work conducted under the direction of YR Council and the decisions made by YR Council have a significant impact on the daily lives of the residents of YR. It is entirely appropriate that the residents of YR, the business owners within YR have the opportunity to fully engage in the election of the Chair of York Region.

Given the Region's continued significant growth, it is time for this important evolutionary step in our municipal government structure.

Its my hope that this motion will be passed unanimously by York Region Council.

Sincerely yours,

Debbie Schaefer
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