

General letter



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FOR INQUIRIES: PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.

March 2, 2007

Ms. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk
The Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
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Dear Ms. Birrell:

**RE: REQUEST REGION OF YORK INTRODUCE PROPERTY
TAX GRANT PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS**

I am writing to advise you that Vaughan Council, at its meeting held on February 26, 2007, adopted the following resolution:

Whereas there are many seniors on fixed incomes;

Whereas a number of seniors receive financial assistance through the federal governments Guaranteed Income Supplement program;

Whereas a seniors primary investment is often their home;

Whereas, as a society it is desirable for seniors to remain in their homes as long as possible;

Whereas the annual cost of property taxes places a significant burden on seniors on fixed incomes;

Whereas the City of Vaughan has recognized this burden and has for several years provided a grant to qualifying seniors; and

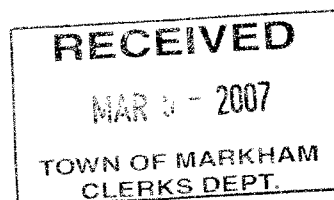
Whereas it is the intention of the City of Vaughan to continue this grant.

Now therefore be it resolved that the Region of York be requested to consider a similar grant program in relation to their portion of the property taxes;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of York and all municipalities within the Region of York.

Attached for your information is **Item 25, Report No. 8**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding this matter.

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Sincerely,

Sybil Fernandes

for J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 26, 2007

Item 25, Report No. 8, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 26, 2007.

**25 REQUEST REGION OF YORK INTRODUCE PROPERTY
TAX GRANT PROGRAM FOR QUALIFYING SENIORS**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated February 19, 2007, be approved; and**
- 2) That the following deputations be received:**
 - a) Mr. Gaetano Iorio, 22 Curtiss Court, Maple, L6A 1Y4;**
 - b) Ms. Deb Schulte, 76 Mira Vista Place, Woodbridge, L4H 1K8; and**
 - c) Mr. Richard T. Lorello, 235 Treelawn Boulevard, P.O. Box 927, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That the following resolution be approved.

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Economic Impact

There is no additional economic impact to the City of Vaughan.

Purpose

To advise the Region of York that the City of Vaughan has a property tax grant program for qualifying seniors and to encourage them to introduce a similar program.