

Regional Councillor Report

Submitted by: Colleen Jordan, Regional Councillor Wards 3 & 4

Date: May 25, 2015

Regional Council - May 13, 2015

Fair Representation

The following motion was endorsed by Regional Council:

That a Special Committee of Regional Council be established to review the composition of Regional Council and that this Special Committee report back directly to Regional Council no later than March, 2016 and

That this Special Committee be comprised of 15 members including:

- The Regional Chair;
- One Regional Councillor from each municipality appointed by Regional Council;
- One representative from the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade and Whitby Chamber of Commerce
- One representative from the Greater Oshawa Chamber of Commerce and Clarington Board of Trade;
- One representative from the Beaverton District, Scugog and Uxbridge Chambers of Commerce; and
- One representative from each of the University of Ontario Institute of Technology (UOIT), Durham College and Trent University (Oshawa Campus)

That the Special Committee could consider a number of possibilities in the formulation of its recommendations, including, but not limited to, representation in other jurisdictions (including the Regions of Halton, Niagara, Peel, Waterloo and York);

That the Special Committee be authorized to obtain outside expert advice in the areas of local governance and democracy as deemed necessary, and that the fee for consulting services not exceed \$25,000.00 and;

That the Special Committee provide an interim report back to Council in November of 2015.

The following amendments were all defeated:

- reduce the representation from 3 to 1 from the academic institutions (Committee size 15)
- request the University and College representatives have political science or public administration expertise
- Mayors of local municipalities be eligible to sit on the committee under the Regional Councillor designation

Regional Council Representatives appointed by Regional Council to the Special Committee are the following:

Ajax - Colleen Jordan
Brock – Ted Smith
Clarington - Willie Woo
Oshawa – Bob Chapman
Pickering – Bill McLean
Scugog – Bobbie Drew
Uxbridge – Jack Ballinger
Whitby – Lorne Coe