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Subject: RE: Motion on Committee of the Whole Chair

Please see below.

Constituents of the City of Richmond Hill oppose to the motion, Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law, submitted by Deputy Mayor/Regional Councillor Perrellion the Committee of the Whole Chair for 28 May 2019.

Procedural by-law establishes the principles and rules to be used for meetings of the Council of Richmond Hill. These are important and material underpinnings of our civil democracy.

Modifying these unilaterally without appropriate levels of consultation and stakeholder engagement is ill advised. The reason the chair is a shared responsibility for Counsellors is to ensure adequate transparency and appropriate levels of governance.

Constituents in Richmond Hill believe Councillors have the right to opt out of acting as chair and vice chair but these are part of their duties and responsibilities. It cannot simply be transferred without informed consent by all parties.

The cycling of the responsibility of chair includes a 6 month cycle to ensure all constituents representatives can establish priorities on council agendas. To unilaterally assign this to one or two persons alters the existing governance models and weakens constituent representation.

Constituents in Richmond Hill recommend a proposal to adopt appropriate governance practices consistent with a jurisdictional review.

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