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July 7, 2020

Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk and Returning Officer
City of Richmond Hill
225 East Beaver Creek Road,
Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4

Dear Mr. Huycke,

At the July 6, 2020 Board meeting, the Board of Trustees approved the following recommendation requiring that a by-election be held in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act* to fill the school board trustee vacancy in Wards 1, 2 and 4 of the City of Richmond Hill:

That the Town of Richmond Hill be authorized to initiate a by-election under the Municipal Elections Act to fill the public school trustee vacancy created by the resignation of Corrie McBain in accordance with Section 221(2), Optional election, of the Education Act.

While the Board understands that it is the sole discretion of Richmond Hill Council to determine if an alternative voting method can be used in any election conducted by the City Clerk, the Board of Trustees discussed the methodology and requested that staff convey, on their behalf, their strong support for internet voting for the following reasons;

- cost savings,
- health and safety of electors and elections staff amidst the Covid-19 pandemic,
- improving voter turnout, and
- the elimination of barriers to voter engagement.

To support this process, we are happy to work in collaboration with the City of Richmond Hill to support communication to public school electors in Wards 1, 2 and 4 by leveraging our communication channels.

Manager, Corporate Secretariat and Trustee Services Lisa Reinhardt will be supporting this process on behalf of the York Region District School Board. She is accessible by email at lisa.reinhardt@yrdsb.ca or by telephone at 905-727-0022 ext. 2217.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Sirisko'.

Louise Sirisko
Director of Education and Secretary of the Board