

Submission for item 14.1 Chief Assistant to the Mayor

This request for a Chief of Staff by the mayor is unnecessary. Here are my reasons:

1. A Chief of Staff was hired by the Regional Councillors/Acting Mayors. Why can't you share him?
2. Part of the justification for this is the Yonge Subway Extension to Richmond Hill. Really? The Provincial Government/Metrolinx is the decision-making body. The City is likely to have little or no input.
3. Where is this money coming from? It is not in the budget. I strongly object to new spending when it is not allocated in the budget, so where is the money coming from: the reserve funds that previous Municipal governments have worked so hard to save as an emergency fund?
4. The fact that other municipalities have additional staff for their mayor is not a reason for Richmond Hill to do the same. Our mayor already has an assistant and could share the Deputy Mayors Chief of Staff. There is no reason for additional staff for him.
5. Why is the mayor putting forth a motion that only appears to benefit himself at the expense of taxpayers?

I strongly object to the implications this motion has. This motion needs to be denied.

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