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Subject: Position of "Mayor"

Stephen M.A. Huycke
City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Richmond Hill
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Dear Mr. Huycke:

I learnt that the City of Richmond Hill, following HW Dave Barrow's resignation, is looking to identify a process for filling this vacancy. I heard that the following two options are under consideration:

1. Through a costly election
2. Appointment of one of the members of the Council.

This obviously will create a vacancy in the Council, which in turn has to be filled either by election or by appointment of "a qualified Richmond Hill resident" by the Council. In addition, this process will further polarizes the Council which will have a negative impact on the City.

Considering the above options and the current status of the Council, I wish to suggest an alternative way to fill this vacancy.

I suggest that the City Clerk advertises the position as the "Interim Mayor" for the remaining term of this Council, and ask qualified and interested residents of Richmond Hill apply for the position. The office of the Clerk, following the routine hiring process screen the applications, conduct interviews and finally recommend one person to the Council for their endorsement. The City's integrity commissioner can act as a scrutineer in this process.

I request you to include this third option in the agenda for discussion at the Council, if possible. If you have any questions, please call me at any time.

Regards,

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