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Subject: Filling the vacancy of the Office of Mayor at the City of Richmond Hill

Dear Councilllors, Clerks and Reporter:

As a resident (me and my wife) of Ward 3 in Richmond Hill, I am contacting you to let you know that I would like to see the Vacancy of Mayor be filled by an **election using on-line process.** The rationale for my thought are as follows:

1. A normal by-election is costly,

2. Yes, Council members picking a potential candidate with an even number of members   is not a practical solution, since a tie has to be decided by picking a person out of hat or like flipping a coin.

3. Also, picking from the council members does not completely avoid huge expenditure since that Ward councillors/Regional Councillors have to filled by some form of election.

4. Particularly with the COVID-19 situation for well over a year, on-line, zoom, skype etc. seem to have become the norm and so considering all, in my opinion on-line voting is the best. Yes, it is true that few (I mean only very limited people will have the issues with this process.

Considering all possible solutions and also keeping in mind, that no matter what option or route that is taken, there will always be some who will be inconvenienced. In addition, this will be way less cost that a full by-election.

I sincerely hope that a very practical, least expensive and would avoid another election to fill council vacancy should it arise.

Sincerely yours,

Kidambi Raj