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Councillors shelve report

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this is a starting point and a wake-up call and I hope it's not just this council but the province and regions who are listening," Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson said Thursday afternoon.

"After we have done some consultation with residents and our neighbouring municipalities, hopefully we can come up with a final answer that is acceptable."

Thornhill Councillor Susan Kadis favours a two-city model and was furious the report leaned toward a three-city model that would throw her community into a city with Markham and Whitchurch-Stouffville.

And she wasn't alone.

"I'm hurt you cut my riding in half. I've read the report over and over again and you keep talking about a united Thornhill and you keep making suggestions I don't agree with," said Councillor Mario Racco, whose ward includes Thornhill and Concord neighbourhoods.

Church said the information provided was not intended to be the final report, but a starting point.

"I don't think we should be drawing lines neatly in the sand," he said.

But some councillors were furious. Church even hinted at where the boundaries might be drawn.

His recommendations also drew the ire of politicians outside Vaughan.

King Mayor Margaret Black said she's

not interested in any amalgamation plan, especially one that combines her community with Vaughan.

"We don't want to be part of Vaughan," Black said. "It's the reason I'm still in politics. I'm getting sick of being lumped in with all these plans. They're all very self-serving."

Kadis agreed the debate didn't take into account how the rest of the region would survive under such a plan.

"No one seemed to give a care about what happened to anybody else, let alone the north. It was very Vaughan-centric," she said.

Councillors also complained Church didn't go far enough in assessing the impact of a three-city model.

Jackson told Kadis that information would be provided by the city and was not part of Church's report.

Church's report suggests amalgamation could save Vaughan \$19 million a year from a single-city restructuring in York, \$18 million from a two-city model and \$17 million from a three-city option.

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