



TOWN OF NEWMARKET

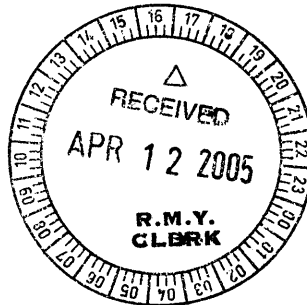
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April 4, 2005

Mr. Denis Kelly, Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9



Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: Resolution R4-2005

I am writing to advise that the Town of Newmarket Council at the regular meeting held on Tuesday, March 29, 2005 adopted the above referenced resolution with respect to the Provincial pooling levy.

I attach a copy for your review.

Yours sincerely,

Anita Moore
Town Clerk

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copy: Premier Dalton McGuinty
Honourable Greg Sorbara
Honourable John Gerretsen
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March 29, 2005

Moved by: Councillor Kerwin

Seconded by: Councillor Springstein

RESOLUTION R4-2005

WHEREAS the Council of the Town of Newmarket recognizes the challenging task of funding social services costs to enable availability of assistance to any citizen of Ontario who requires it;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Newmarket promotes the importance of fairness, empathy, necessity and accountability;

AND WHEREAS Greater Toronto Area municipalities are mandated to contribute funds to the City of Toronto for social services by way of an invariable, inequitable pooling method;

AND WHEREAS municipalities continue to manage financial limitations with increasing demands for improving service delivery including escalating Provincial obligations;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York has been historically under funded in Health and Social Service areas when compared to all other GTA municipalities and Provincial bodies;

AND WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York has declared an intention to explore alternatives to the social assistance pooling procurement in consultation with affected municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. **THAT** the intent of GTA pooling funding suspension by the Town of Richmond Hill be supported in principle;
2. **AND THAT** the Province of Ontario take immediate action to remove the "pooling levy" from the initial contributions by phasing it out over five years and further that it implement a process that will eliminate social policies costs from property taxation;
3. **AND THAT** this resolution be circulated to the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Honourable John Ferguson Godfrey, Federal Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Regional Municipalities of York, Peel Durham, Halton and surrounding GTA municipalities.

A.J. (Tony) Van Bynen, Acting Mayor