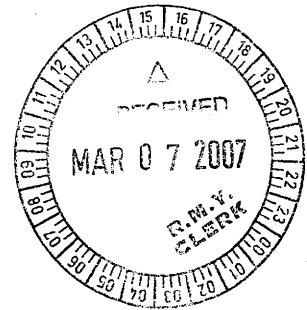


*Chair/CAO
J. Davidson
J. Hutton*

February 28, 2007

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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**RE: JUSTICES OF THE PEACE FOR
CENTRAL EAST REGION (13.2)**

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This will confirm that at the meeting of Council held on February 27, 2007, Clause 1 of Report No. 11, was approved as follows:

"Whereas on March 23rd, 2005, by resolution in March 2005, York Regional Council requested that the Attorney General immediately appoint 11 new Justices of the Peace for the Central East Region;

And Whereas despite the March 23rd resolution, York Region did not receive any of the additional nine Justices of the Peace appointed in 2006;

And Whereas now in 2007 because of the growth in the Region and retirements, the number of new Justices of the Peace required for York Central Region is 14;

And Whereas the possibility of the Justice of the Peace not being present is leading to more individuals choosing to go to court in hopes of avoiding a conviction;

And Whereas the Town of Markham in 2006 experienced over 140 cases that were either withdrawn or had to be re-summonsed, resulting in a loss of approximately 485 staff resource hours;

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And Whereas the courts were closed 60 days in 2006 due to Justices' holidays, courses and sick time which resulted in the inability to process an additional 120 parking tickets issued due to no available court time, representing approximately 240 staff resource hours;

Now Therefore, be it resolved that Markham Council strongly urge the Attorney General to re-consider York Regional Council's earlier request for the appointment of additional Justices of the Peace to service Central East Region and immediately appoint an additional 14 Justices of the Peace."

Yours sincerely,



Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk