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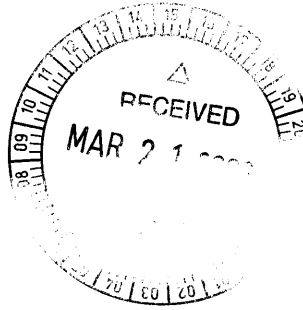
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Mr. Denis Kelly
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Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter and enclosed report entitled, *York Region Residential Intensification Opportunities*. I appreciate your input and have forwarded your report to staff at the Ontario Growth Secretariat for their analysis and consideration.

As you know, the Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe was released on November 24, 2005. Our government initiated a public comment period, with a deadline of January 27, 2006 for submissions. I appreciate receiving York Region's comments on the plan, and look forward to working with York Region on implementing the plan once it is finalized.

Achieving the intensification target outlined in the Growth Plan is a cornerstone to protecting the natural environment, making transit viable, and building livable communities. We are working closely with ministries and stakeholders to augment the tools available to municipalities to achieve that target.

One purpose of the Growth Plan is to better manage growth in order to maximize the value of public investment in infrastructure. Our five-year infrastructure plan, *ReNew Ontario*, includes investments in transit, hospitals, institutional and post-secondary education facilities, to serve current and future residents.

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For example, in York Region, we recently announced the development of a new cancer centre for radiation treatment at the Southlake Regional Health Centre, as well as redevelopment of Markham Stouffville Hospital. Our government has also invested in the York Rapid Transit project that is currently running on key corridors such as Yonge Street and Highway 7.

Thank you for your ongoing involvement and interest in this important initiative. Again, I look forward to receiving York Region's input on the Proposed Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Caplan', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David Caplan
Minister