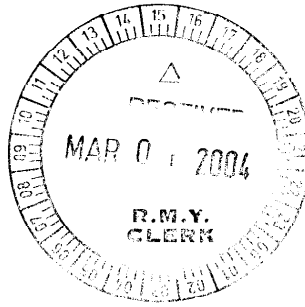


February 26, 2004



Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

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RE: **16th AVENUE TRUNK SEWER**
ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE, REGION OF YORK (5.3)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This will confirm that at the meeting of Council held on February 24, 2004, Clause 1 of Report No. 9, was approved as follows:

“That the presentation by the Region of York, with respect to the 16th Avenue Trunk Sewer, be received;

And whereas the Town of Markham is deeply concerned with the environmental impacts of the 16th Avenue Trunk Sewer dewatering;

And whereas the Region of York has been dewatering for approximately 6 months at a rate of 12,000 l/minute for Phase 1 to maintain the C8 Shaft while construction has been idle while awaiting approval to proceed to Phase 2;

And whereas the Region is awaiting approval of their Environmental Management Plan from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for Phase 2;

And whereas the Region is awaiting approval of their Well Mitigation Plan from the MOE;

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And whereas continued delay in completing Phase 2 will result in additional dewatering of the aquifer;

Be it resolved that the environmental agencies be requested to expedite their review and conditions of approval for the Phase 2 Environmental Plan;

And that a meeting be convened as soon as possible of all environmental agencies (i.e. DFO, MOE, MNR, TRCA) the Rouge Park Alliance and the Region of York, with the Town of Markham, to address the outstanding issues;

And that the Honourable John McCallum, M.P., the Honourable Elinor Caplan, M.P., Bryon Wilfert, M.P., Tony Wong, M.P.P., Mario Racco, M.P.P., Frank Klees, M.P.P., and Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works at the Region of York, be advised accordingly.”

Yours sincerely,



Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Copy to: Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
 Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services