



TOWN OF

WHITCHURCH-STOUFFVILLE

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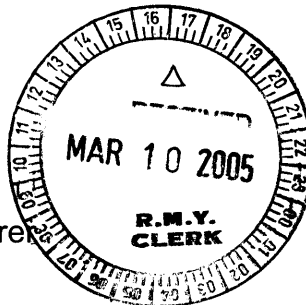
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March 7th, 2005

Regional Municipality of York
Ms. Sandra Cartwright
Commissioner of Finance & Treasury
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Cartwright:

RE: GTA SOCIAL ASSISTANCE POOLING FUND (C10-CO & S04)

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on March 1st, 2005.

It was the decision of the Council, at that time, to pass the following resolution:

"THAT WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville and twenty-three (23) other municipalities within the four (4) regions in the GTA are required to collect local taxes for Social Housing and Social Assistance costs and forward them to the Province for the use of the City of Toronto;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville among other municipalities of the GTA are also experiencing budgetary pressures;

AND WHEREAS the payments of such Pooling Cost amounts to taxation without representation on the residents of the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville;

AND WHEREAS Social Housing and Social Assistance costs should be more appropriately funded by the other levels of the governments, and not through property taxation and not by sources outside the municipal boundaries;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville supports in principle the actions of the Town of Richmond Hill, to draw attention to the GTA Pooling issues and that the Province of Ontario, through consultation with the local and regional GTA municipalities eliminate the GTA Pooling;

AND THAT the Province take further actions to remove the funding of Provincial Social Policies from property taxation;

AND THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, Dalton McGuinty, the Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance, the Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, local Members of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Regional Municipalities of York, Peel, Durham and Halton and all local GTA municipalities."

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Kennedy".

Mrs. Michele Kennedy, B.A., C.M.O.
Town Clerk

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