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Our File No.: 00-036

The Regional Municipality of York
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Attention: Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk

Dear Mayor and Members of Council:

Re: REQUEST FOR NOTIFICATION of any and all future community consultation meetings, statutory public meetings, and meetings of Council or any Committee of Council with respect to the "Retail Business Holidays Act."

We are the solicitors for Pacific Mall Heritage Town Inc., the owners of the portion of the Pacific Mall known as Pacific Heritage Town. The Pacific Mall is located at the northeast corner of Kennedy Road and Steeles Avenue East, in the Town of Markham. On August 31, 2000, Regional Council, authorized a by-law that exempted our client from the *Retail Business Holiday Act* and thus permitted our client to remain open for business as set out in By-law No. L.I. 008(d)-2000-64.

Our client understands that Regional Council has asked that Staff report on "whether exemptions previously granted may be revisited" at the Regional Council meeting to be held on December 16, 2004. We would like to take this opportunity to remind Regional Council that the reasons that Council approved our client's application was because Pacific Mall Heritage Town is in and of itself a tourist attraction as it provides tourists with a similar feel to the markets one would visit in the Orient. It is a cultural centre and a venue for festivals and exhibitions, and has been recommended as a tourist attraction in the media. Pacific Heritage Town is the largest and most detailed Chinese cultural centre of its kind in North America. Our client has spent a significant amount of time, effort and funds in creating this unique cultural attraction/experience, which is deserving of a continued designation as a tourist attraction and thus continued exemption from the *Retail Business Holiday Act*.

As such, we request that we be notified of any and all future meetings of Council, Committee's of Council, Statutory Public Meetings or Community Information/Public Open House Meetings, where the *Retail Business Holiday Act* will be considered.

Yours very truly,



Adam J. Brown

cc: Mr. Sam Cohen

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