



December 2, 2009

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

**RE: YORK REGION OFFICIAL PLAN
REGIONAL SUBMISSION ANALYSIS AND RESPONSE
TO MARKHAM COMMENTS (10.17)**

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on December 1, 2009, Town of Markham Council adopted the following motion:

“Whereas the Town of Markham prides itself as a leader in sustainability in York Region and Ontario; and,

Whereas the quality of life in Markham is paramount to all Markham residents; and,

Whereas the Region of York Draft Official Plan (growth plan) will have profound impact on Markham residents’ quality of life, countryside and the environment for present and future generations; and,

Whereas the Town of Markham is still considering the planning direction and policy related to its’ growth management options and has not yet completed the process; and,

Whereas this a long-term plan that requires careful consideration; and,

Whereas if the Region of York Draft Official Plan is passed prior to Markham Council passing its’ own direction and policies, this Plan would have legal standing and override, restrict and/or undermine Markham’s future ability to plan and choose its’ future;

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Therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That Council reaffirm its request of October 27, 2009 that the policies and mapping related to new communities and any urban expansion (including strategic employment lands as referenced on Figure 2) within the Town of Markham contained in the draft Regional Official Plan be deferred until the Town of Markham's Growth Management Strategy is completed and endorsed by Town Council; and,
- 2) That if the Region requires an extension from the Province to bring the Official Plan into conformity, that the Region submit this request to the Province; and,
- 3) That this resolution be sent immediately to the York Region Chair and Council members and that it be placed on the first possible agenda for action; and further,
- 4) That staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution."

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services at 905-477-7000 ext. 4875.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kimberley Kitteringham', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk

Copy to: Regional Chair Bill Fisch
 John Livey, Chief Administrative Officer
 Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services