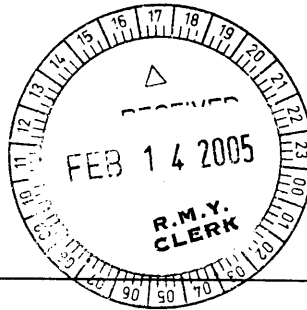
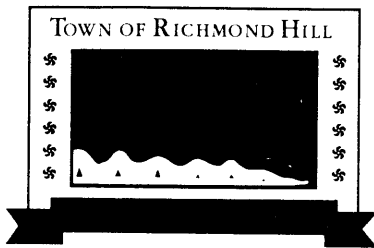




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Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Region of York
17250 Yonge Street,
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Greater Toronto Area (GTA) Pooling – Town of Richmond Hill Portion

I am writing to advise that Richmond Hill Town Council, at its special meeting on February 7, 2005, approved the following resolution:

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto has consistently said it is distinct from other municipalities in Ontario and wishes to independently negotiate with other levels of government;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto has recently withdrawn as a member of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto is currently considering withdrawing from the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto currently receives payments for Pooling Costs from municipalities located outside of its boundaries for services rendered by the City of Toronto inside of its boundaries;

AND WHEREAS the payment of such Pooling Costs amounts to taxation without representation on the residents of the Town of Richmond Hill;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto has not paid its share of the costs of operating the GO Transit system despite all other GO Transit partners meeting their funding obligations;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Richmond Hill believes that the payment of Pooling Costs to the City of Toronto by municipalities outside the City of Toronto is inconsistent with the stated intentions of the City of Toronto to be considered distinct from other municipalities and to independently negotiate with other levels of government;

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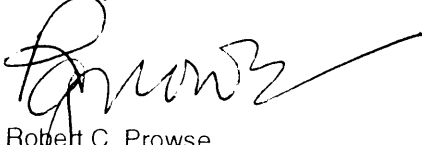
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Richmond Hill will withhold its share of Regional Pooling Costs estimated to be \$15,660,000 in the 2005 Regional Levy, and should the City of Toronto wish to use Richmond Hill taxpayer money, Council and Staff would be happy to negotiate directly with the City of Toronto;

And further, that this resolution be sent to all municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area requesting their support and requesting that they pass a similar motion in this regard;

And further, that this resolution be sent to the Provincial Minister of Finance, Greg Sorbara; Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, John Gerretsen and to the Federal Minister of State (Infrastructure and Communities), the Honourable John Ferguson Godfrey."

In accordance with Council's directive, I am forwarding to your attention a copy of Council's requests, as noted above. If you require further information please contact C.D. Weldon, Chief Administrative Officer at (905) 771-8800, extension 3834.

Sincerely,



Robert C. Prowse
Town Clerk

cc: C.D. Weldon, Chief Administrative Officer
Ulli S. Watkiss, City Clerk, City of Toronto

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