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**HEALTH SERVICES
REGION OF YORK
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The Regional Municipality of York
Dr. Helena Jaczek
Commissioner of Health Services &
Medical Officer of Health
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket, Ontario
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Dear Dr. Jaczek:

**RE: YORK REGION-LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORKS
(C10-C0 & C12)**

Please be advised that the above-noted matter was placed before Council at its meeting held on January 11th, 2005.

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

"THAT the request from The Region of York that Council endorse Report 1 of the Regional Commissioner of Health Services regarding local health integration networks, and that a letter of support be forwarded to the Minister of Health and Long Term Care be supported."

Yours truly,

Dianne Barnes

Dianne Barnes, AMCT
Council Co-ordinator
Attachment

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copy: Minister of Health and Long-Term Care, Hon. George Smitherman
The Regional Municipality of York, Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk

Report No. 1 of the Regional Commissioner of Health Services was adopted, as amended, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting on December 16, 2004.

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LOCAL HEALTH INTEGRATION NETWORKS

(Regional Council at its meeting on December 16, 2004, adopted this report with the following amendment:

Recommendation 9 be amended to add that it be forwarded to the local municipalities for their endorsement (and that a copy of their decision be forwarded directly to the Minister), and that local MPP's and the Ontario Hospital Association also be provided with a copy of this report.)

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Commissioner of Health Services and Medical Officer of Health continue to monitor the Province of Ontario's health transformation agenda and provide updates to Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and Regional Council as more information becomes available.
2. The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) be requested to revisit the LHIN boundaries as they currently exist to ensure that York Region is within one LHIN area, thereby still accommodating the MOHLTC requirements that at least one major hospital and up to 1.5 million residents reside within each LHIN.
3. The MOHLTC be requested to restructure the LHIN model of governance in order to ensure that LHIN Boards are accountable to the residents of York Region.
4. The MOHLTC be requested to undertake an intensive consultation process with representatives from the Regional Municipality of York, other Regions and municipalities across Ontario, as well as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario with respect to the development of LHINs.
5. The MOHLTC be requested to place a strong emphasis on illness prevention as a key component to any transformation of health care in Ontario.
6. The MOHLTC be requested to take local service delivery initiatives into consideration as a key component to any transformation of health care in Ontario.