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Mr. Michael Garrett
Chief Administrative Officer
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street,
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Dear Mr. Garrett:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 6, 2006, regarding York Region Council's position on the equalization of social housing costs across the Greater Toronto Area (GTA).

I am pleased to hear that you are planning to bring forward the issue of GTA equalization, to your newly elected council, for review in early 2007. I would ask that you advise me of the outcome of those deliberations at your earliest convenience.

In the meantime, the ministry remains committed to examining the pooling of social housing costs in the GTA through the Provincial-Municipal Fiscal and Service Delivery Review.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Doug Barnes".

Doug Barnes
Assistant Deputy Minister

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