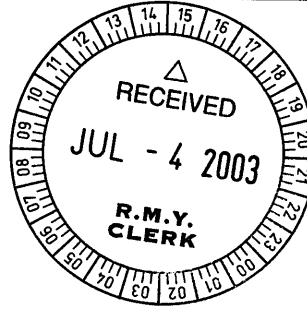


June 26, 2003

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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Comm. C.S. & H
L. Wilson

Dear Sir:

RE: THE MARKHAM SARS ECONOMIC RECOVERY TASK FORCE (16.24, 13.4.4)

This will confirm that at the meeting of Council held on June 24, 2003, Clause 10, Report No. 43, was approved as follows:

That the draft minutes of the Markham SARS Economic Recovery Task Force meeting held June 11, 2003, be received;

And that, whereas the Town of Markham and Region of York are in the process of formally exempting all retail businesses from the provisions of the Retail Business Holiday Act, pursuant to Regulation 711/91, for every statutory holiday from May 15, 2003 up to and including Thanksgiving 2003, with the exception of Canada Day, thereby allowing retail businesses to operate and encouraging increased economic activity;

Now therefore the Task Force recommends:

That the Town of Markham declare the following three holidays in 2003 (i.e. Municipal Holiday Weekend in August, Labour Day Weekend in September, and Thanksgiving Holiday Weekend in October) "Special Event Days";

And that upon receipt of approval of the exemption by the Region of York, that the exemption be advertised to Markham residents and the Markham business community through an ad on the Markham Page and by notice to all Markham business associations.

And that the Town of Markham provides a maximum of \$12,500 each, to be comprised of cash and/or in-kind services, to the FCCM and Unionville BIA proposals, conditional on each group also receiving funding from any level of Government and/or private enterprise.

Sincerely,



Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

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c. Mr. S. Chait, Director of Economic Development
Ms. C. Conrad, Town Solicitor
Ms. B. Cribbett, Treasurer
Mr. C. Raynor, Committee Clerk