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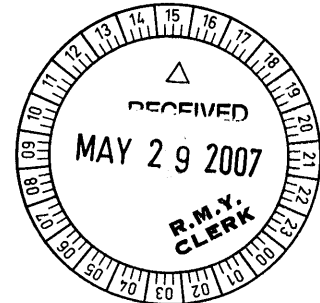
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FOR INQUIRIES: **PLEASE QUOTE ITEM & REPORT NO.**

May 25, 2007

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street, Box 147
Newmarket, ON
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: YONGE STREET STUDY OPA 669

Attached for your information is **Item 27, Report No. 26**, of the Committee of the Whole regarding the above-noted matter which was adopted, *as amended*, by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of May 22, 2007.

Please note that Vaughan Council is requesting the Region of York to include the section of the area addressed in the Yonge/Thornhill Study from just north of Arnold Avenue to 7616 Yonge Street and approve OPA 669 as presented.

The Region's favourable consideration of this matter is kindly requested.

Sincerely,

J. B. Leach
City Clerk

Attachment:
Extract

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 22, 2007

Item 27, Report No. 26, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 22, 2007, as follows:

By approving that a report regarding this matter be provided as soon as possible.

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YONGE STREET STUDY OPA 669

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Shefman, dated May 14, 2007:

Recommendation

Councillor Shefman recommends:

That in light of the action taken by the Region of York to exclude a critical section of the area addressed in the Yonge/Thornhill Study and subsequent OPA 669, roughly from just north of Arnold Avenue to 7616 Yonge Street from the requirements of the OPA:

And that in light of the primary responsibility of the City of Vaughan for its planning decisions based upon an extensive study and public consultation.

- a) That the Mayor and Regional Councillors, who sit on York Region Council, take immediate action to make Vaughan Council's position that it is inappropriate and with good reason for the Region to have taken such arbitrary action against the interest of the City and of its residents:
- b) And that this Council write to the Region of York requesting that it is immediately withdraw its exclusion
- c) And that York Region immediately withdraw their exclusion and approve the OPA as presented.

Economic Impact

None

Communication Plan

Not applicable

Background – Analysis and Options

That the Council of the City of Vaughan, after extensive study and broad public consultation approved OPA 669, to ensure that there would be an orderly approach to the planning of Yonge Street from Arnold Avenue to Centre Street;

And that it is has now come to our attention that one of the key sites within that plan has been "red circled" or excluded from the OPA by the Region of York, without appropriate consultation with the City of Vaughan and contrary to the intent of the planning process;

And that this action is without merit and has a serious negative impact on the entire OPA.

Purpose

To reverse the action taken by the Region of York excluding a critical area included within the OPA 669

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

The decision to exclude the above noted area from the OPA 6669 is inappropriate and contrary to the planning process conducted by the City of Vaughan. The Region of York needs to immediately withdraw its exception to the OPA 669.

Conclusion

The Mayor and Regional Councillors need to act immediately to reverse the decision made by the Region

Attachments

none

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