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To: Brouwer, Andrew

Subject: Minister's response to your email, and the enclosed letter to the Clerk of the Region of York, setting forth Newmarket Council's recommendation on Private Members Bill 60, the proposed Municipal Amendment Act (Election of Chair of York Region - File 56960)

May 29, 2012

Mr. Andrew Brouwer
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Dear Mr. Brouwer:

Thank you for your email, and the enclosed letter to the Clerk of the Region of York, setting forth Newmarket Council's recommendation on Private Members Bill 60, the proposed Municipal Amendment Act (Election of Chair of York Region).

I believe strongly in the role of local government and empowering municipalities, and that Council representation at the regional level is best decided by municipal governments in consultation with one another.

There is a local process for changing the composition of Regional Council. It is set out in the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

If York Regional Council comes to me with a proposal, please be assured that I will give it due consideration.

Once again, thank you for bringing this matter to my attention. Please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Wynne
Minister