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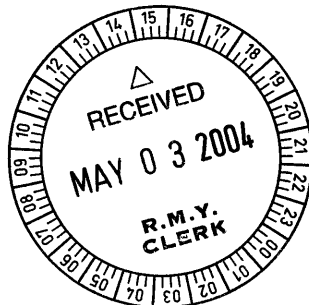
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of March 26, 2004, and enclosing a copy, for our information, of Clause No. 8, Report No. 2 of the Transportation and Works Committee, entitled "Asian Long-Horned Beetle Update," which was adopted by the Regional Municipality of York. The Canadian Forest Service (CFS) of Natural Resources Canada (NRCan) was pleased to learn that the Regional Council has authorized seed-funding of \$50,000 to support re-vegetation efforts to replace trees killed by this insect.

The CFS is assisting the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) in tackling this destructive exotic pest. The CFS' role includes: leading the science efforts related to the Asian Long-Horned Beetle (ALHB); providing advice on insect control matters, biology and environmental impact; and participating in survey activities to identify the general occurrence of the insect. The CFS and the CFIA are currently supplementing their own collaborative research programs with information available from the United States in order to determine the best possible management and prevention methods in dealing with this pest.

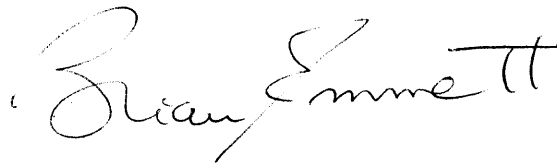
We are aware that municipalities are possibly facing a high cost of removing killed and infected trees and replanting with species not susceptible to invasive alien pests such as ALHB. Presently, no federal department is responsible for tree replacement. However, we do support the Tree Canada Foundation (TCF) and I encourage you to contact Mr. Jeff Monty, President of the TCF, to see what programs might be available. Mr. Monty can be reached at (613) 567-5545. NRCan has been

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exploring avenues for collaborative approach to tree replacement for the current crisis in Southern Ontario, including potential sources for federal contribution. Nevertheless, NRCan-CFS will pursue its role as provider of scientific and technical expertise to the CFIA, the province, municipalities, and other partners.

Thank you again for the information on the Regional Municipality of York's position on ALHB.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Brian Emmett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "B" and "E".

Brian Emmett