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Chair Bill Fisch and
Members of Council
Regional Municipality of York
c/o Office of the Regional Clerk
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Dear Mr. Chair and Members of Council:

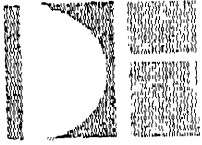
**Re: Proposed Expropriation of Land by York Region
Yonge Street, City of Vaughan and Town of Markham
Commissioner of Corporate Services Report (June 14, 2007)
Item 12(7), Regional Council Meeting Agenda (June 21, 2007)**

We are counsel to 1691126 Ontario Inc. (Liberty Development Corporation).

Our client owns lands known municipally as 7161, 7171 and 7181 Yonge Street (the shopping centre formerly occupied by Hy and Zel's). We are in receipt of the above-referenced report, which recommends that Council authorize staff to apply for approval to expropriate lands from our client and others for the purpose of surface transit use.

As you will no doubt be aware, on June 15th of this year, the Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty announced a \$17.5 billion funding package for public transit, including extension of the Yonge Street Subway Line to Highway 7. The projects to be funded will be commenced starting in 2008. I am attaching a copy of the media release for your convenience.

In view of the Premier's announcement, I would respectfully suggest that it is premature to proceed with expropriation of lands south of Highway 407 for surface transit purposes, and that Council accordingly not adopt the staff report's recommendation.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me with questions or concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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