

March 19, 2013

Mr. Vito Spatafora
Chair, Environmental Services Committee
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Re: Sewer Use By-law No. 2011-56, Prohibition of Food Waste Disposers

Dear Mr. Spatafora,

I am writing on behalf of Franke Kindred Canada Limited, a Canadian-based manufacturer and distributor of kitchen appliances and equipment – including food waste disposers.

On its behalf, I participated in one of the workshops arranged by the Region of York concerning the Region's proposal to prohibit the installation of food waste disposers, including those distributed by our company.

Based on that experience, Franke Kindred strongly opposes the York Region's proposal to prohibit new installations of food waste disposers, and believes that disposers should be regarded as a compelling and complementary food waste diversion tool for use in all residences. It is time to update and modernize the Region's archaic restrictions by eliminating restrictions on the installation and use of disposers in all types of housing.

The information shared and dialogue among stakeholders at the workshop was informative, and from our perspective largely confirmed that food waste disposers can play an important role as a consumer-friendly household tool in achieving organic waste diversion and environmental goals, without imposing inordinate costs or other impacts on the Region's environmental systems. People use disposers around the world to improve their lives by saving time, improving sanitary conditions in the home, and helping improve the environment.

We believe that the technical research, data, and best practices provided to York Region by various industry stakeholders is compelling and has provided sufficient evidence to conclude that disposers – at both current and projected installation levels – will not be detrimental to the Region. In fact, disposers would play an important role as a

consumer-friendly household tool in achieving the Region's organic waste diversion and environmental goals.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANKE KINDRED CANADA LIMITED

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Case de Jong, President

c.c. Mr. Bill Fisch, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Bruce McGregor, Chief Administrative Officer
Environmental Services Committee Members
Regional Clerk