



TOWN OF GEORGINA

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Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 147
Newmarket, Ontario
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Attention: Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Regional Sewer Use Bylaw 2011-056

Back in 2009, the Town of Georgina began working with the Region of York and other local municipalities to complete a standardized Regional Sewer Use Bylaw. Through these combined efforts the Region enacted the Regional Sewer Use Bylaw on November 17, 2011. The new Regional Sewer Use Bylaw helps ensure the alignment of practices and protection of local and Regional infrastructure which included the prohibition of food waste grinders. The elimination of the food waste grinder was deferred until further consideration by York's Environmental Services Committee in March of this year.

The Town of Georgina fully supports the ban or prohibition of food waste grinders. These devices and the resultant residual into the sanitary sewer system adversely impacts our local collection system. In Georgina we have (19) nineteen sewage lift stations and fats, oil and grease (FOG) is a major maintenance concern. The food waste grinders introduce an increase of suspended solids, gas and odour as a result of decomposition. Town of Georgina staff, together with the Region and other local municipalities have developed a successful Green Bin program to manage food waste. To date the Town has received a strong participation in source separation and diversion of food waste from landfill via the Green Bin program. It is for these reasons we continue to support the Green Bin program as the principal route for food waste management. Food waste does not belong in our sanitary sewer system.

While we support the continued diversion of food waste through the Green Bin program and composting, we recognize the Waste Master Plan may identify future innovative applications for servicing our existing and future multi-

residential dwellings. As the Master Plan process progresses, we look forward to working the Region in considering the suitability of applications in multi-residential dwellings identified by the Master Plan.

We are in currently in the process of reviewing our By-law 83-154 (PW-3) that regulates discharges into the sewer system which will include implementing a ban on the use of food waste grinders in the Town of Georgina.

If you have any questions on concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,

FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'RF', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert Fortier, C.E.T. CRS
Operations Manager

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