



TOWN OF NEWMARKET

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Mr. Denis Kelly, Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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→ Chair
• CAO
• Comm. Trans. Serv.
• Comm. Env. Serv.
• Comm. Corp. Serv.

Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: Resolution R1-2009 – Earth Hour – Participation and Challenge

I am writing to advise that Resolution R1-2009 regarding participation and challenge with respect to Earth Hour was enacted at the regular meeting of Council on January 26, 2009.

I enclose a copy of the resolution for your action as deemed necessary.

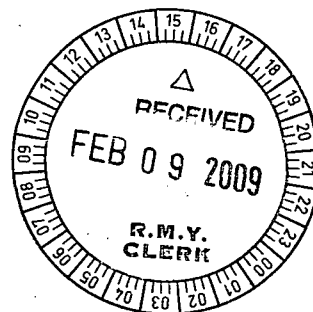
I trust this is satisfactory.

Sincerely

Anita Moore
Town Clerk

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Enclosures (1)



Newmarket's vision: A community well beyond the ordinary

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Moved by:

Seconded by:

RESOLUTION R1-2009

WHEREAS climate change is the biggest environmental threat to our planet and a major concern for all Canadians;

WHEREAS at exactly 8:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009, major cities around the world will turn off their lights for one hour to raise awareness about climate change and to symbolize that, working together, the people of the world can make a difference in the fight against global warming;

WHEREAS the event, called "Earth Hour", a World Wildlife Fund (WWF) initiative that was officially announced in December 2007 at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change, attracted the participation of almost 2.3 million Sydney residents – including more than 2,100 businesses – resulting in a 10 per cent reduction on the electrical grid, saving 25,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide – the equivalent of taking about 50,000 cars off the road for one hour;

WHEREAS the following year in 2008, Earth Hour became the biggest voluntary power down in history, with some 50 million people around the world switching off their lights for one hour, during which more than 370 municipalities took part in more than 35 countries across seven continents, including Antarctica, and across more than 18 different time zones;

WHEREAS of the municipalities in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) that took part in 2008, the Town of Newmarket achieved an energy drop of 14%, which was second to only Milton at 15%, and almost three times better than Ontario's overall average of 5.2%;

WHEREAS the 2009 Earth Hour event takes place at exactly 8:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 28, and several municipalities in the GTA and Hamilton area have already signed up;

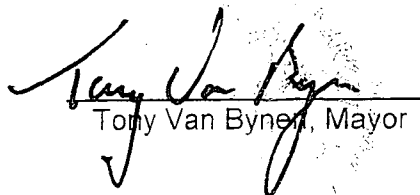
WHEREAS participating in this historic event sends a powerful message to every citizen and business around the world that it's possible to take action on climate change and that switching off our lights is just one simple action we can take to help make a difference;

WHEREAS the goal is to educate the community on the threat of climate change and what each individual and business can do to make a difference every day; and to get as many individuals, households, and businesses as possible to turn off their lights as a symbolic statement that now is the time to take action on climate change;

WHEREAS participating in this historic event sends a powerful message to every citizen and business that the Town of Newmarket cares about our planet and is willing to take a leadership position against climate change and global warming;

THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. THAT at 8:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009, the Town of Newmarket will join other cities around the world in literally "turning out the lights" by shutting off all non-essential lighting in all of its facilities, where feasible, and without jeopardizing safety, for one full hour;
2. AND THAT, to be formally recognized around the world as an Earth Hour participant, the appropriate staff will register at [wwf.ca/Earth Hour](http://wwf.ca/EarthHour), the official website for this initiative;
3. AND THAT the Town of Newmarket hereby issues a challenge to every municipality in the GTA and Hamilton area to exceed the Town of Newmarket's goal of achieving, at a minimum, last year's 14% reduction in energy, which is equivalent to about 4,000 homes turning their lights off in Newmarket;
4. AND THAT the Town of Newmarket's participation in Earth Hour will be widely promoted and publicized in order to raise awareness about this important issue and in order to encourage every individual, household and business in the GTA and Hamilton area, to join in by turning off their lights for one hour at 8:30 p.m. on March 28, 2009;
5. AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to every municipality in the GTA and Hamilton area, encouraging them to participate in Earth Hour; and, indeed, to participate in the challenge issued by the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket.


Tony Van Bynen, Mayor