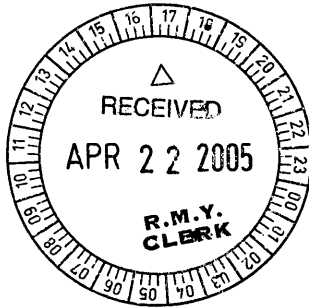
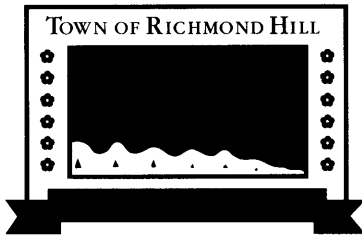




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April 20, 2005

Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
Region of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: GO Transit – Richmond Hill Commuter Rail Service Improvements

**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

FILE No. - **P07** - *Chair*
- *CSO*
- *B. Juckey*
- *Kelly*
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I am writing to advise that Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting on April 18, 2005, approved the following resolution:

WHEREAS GO Transit initiated a Class Environmental Assessment study to consider a temporary layover for GO trains in the vicinity of Centre Street in the Town of Richmond Hill in December, 2004;

AND WHEREAS the proposed layover will have a negative impact on the adjacent Richmond Hill community, will not result in improved levels of service nor contribute to the ultimate northerly extension of the Richmond Hill GO line, as recommended in an Environmental Study Report previously prepared by GO Transit and approved by the Minister of the Environment;

AND WHEREAS GO Transit has not yet filed the obligatory Notice of Completion for the Class Environmental Assessment, yet has communicated, in a March 10, 2005 Customer Bulletin, its intention to "begin work" on the layover in the vicinity of Centre Street in 2005;

AND WHEREAS the above referenced premature release of its intention to construct the layover facility severely prejudices the objectivity of the study and the assessment of alternative locations for the layover facility;

NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF RICHMOND HILL HEREBY ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That the Town formally objects to the establishment of a layover facility for GO trains in the vicinity of Centre St. in Richmond Hill because of the serious negative effects of the layover on the quality of life of adjacent residents; and

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2. That GO transit be encouraged to work with the Town of Richmond Hill, The Regional Municipality of York and other affected stakeholders to secure an alternative layover location that not only meets the short term needs of GO Transit, but will also enhance the ability of GO Transit to commence two way all day service on its Richmond Hill line; and
3. That copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Regional Municipality of York for its endorsement and support, to GO Transit, the Minister of Transportation, and the Minister of the Environment.

In accordance with Council's directive, I am forwarding to your attention a copy of Council's request, as above. If you require further information please contact Bruce Macgregor, Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works at (905) 771-8800, extension 3514.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Prowse', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert C. Prowse
Town Clerk

cc: B. Macgregor, Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works