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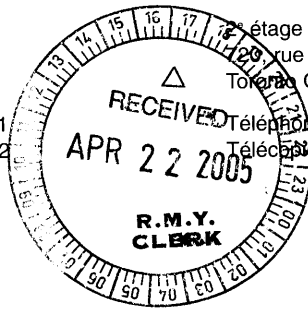
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter dated April 1, 2005, forwarding the report of York Regional Council requesting the appointment of 11 new justices of the peace for Central East Region. I have been asked to reply on behalf of the Attorney General, the Honourable Michael Bryant.

The current process for the appointment of justices of the peace is initiated by the Honourable Justice Donald A. Ebbs, Associate Chief Justice-Coordinator of Justices of the Peace. It is also the Associate Chief Justice who exercises general supervision and direction over sittings of justices of the peace and the assignment of their duties.

As you are aware, we have undertaken a review of the justice of the peace system to ensure the most qualified candidates are approved in a fair and transparent manner. Pending approval of the justice of the peace reform initiative, requests received for additional appointments are under consideration.

Thank you for writing.

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Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Debra Paulseth".

Debra Paulseth
Assistant Deputy Attorney General
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c: The Honourable Michael Bryant, Attorney General of Ontario