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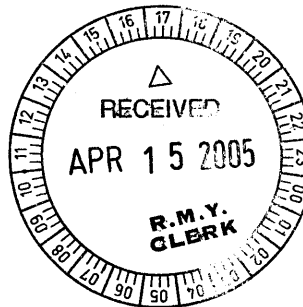
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REGION OF YORK  
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FILE No. - 804

Honourable Sir:

RE: Shortage of Justices of the Peace  
Urgent Need for New Appointments

At its meeting of March 21, 2005 Council considered correspondence from the Regional Municipality of York regarding the shortage of Justices of the Peace within York Region.

The correspondence included the enclosed Resolution of the Council of the Regional Municipality of York. Council of the Township of King endorses the enclosed Resolution to request that the Attorney General immediately appoint 11 new Justices of the Peace for the Central East Region, and that further appointments be made promptly in the future to reflect the demand for judicial resources.

Yours truly,

Chris Somerville  
Clerk  
Encls.

cc. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk, Region of York  
Jim Davidson, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Region of York  
Norman Scarratt, Director of Court Services, York Region, Court Services Dept.

**Report Attachment 2**

**WHEREAS** the Attorney General entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with The Regional Municipality of York and the nine Area Municipalities within York Region on July 12, 1999, under which the Attorney General transferred court administration, prosecution and court support functions under the *Provincial Offences Act* to the municipal partners (the “MOU”);

**AND WHEREAS** the guiding principles of the MOU reflect the overarching objective of ensuring public confidence in the justice system and the continued responsibility of the Attorney General to be responsible for the integrity of the administration of justice in Ontario;

**AND WHEREAS** the Attorney General is responsible to superintend all matters connected with the administration of justice and the administration of the courts, pursuant to the *Ministry of the Attorney General Act* and the *Courts of Justice Act*, and as such is responsible for the provision of judicial resources necessary for the proper administration of courts to protect the integrity of the administration of justice;

**AND WHEREAS** the number of Justices of the Peace currently available to sit in the Central East Region (which includes York Region) declined from 46 as of December 2003 to 38 in December 2004 despite the increase in the demand for judicial resources, resulting in the closure of the Intake Court in York Region on 109 occasions in 2004;

**AND WHEREAS** the inadequate judicial resources in Central East Region is impeding the ability of the Region to meet its obligations pursuant to the MOU through no fault of its own;

**AND WHEREAS** members of the public are being inconvenienced by the lack of adequate judicial resources in the Provincial Offences court, resulting in the potential loss of public confidence in the integrity of the administration of justice;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Regional Council hereby requests that the Attorney General immediately appoint 11 new Justices of the Peace for the Central East Region, and that further appointments be made promptly in the future to reflect the demand for judicial resources.

DATED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2005.