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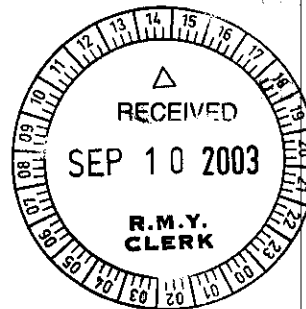
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Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of June 27, 2003 regarding the Pickering Airport Lands and the Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee.

The department appreciates your bringing to our attention the adoption, by the Council of the Regional Municipality of York, of the recommendations of the Planning and Economic Development Committee. Specifically, the report entitled "Pickering Airport Lands, Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee" and Recommendation #2 – *The Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee be requested to consider the mandate of the Committee be extended to include potential lands that could be added to the green space areas, and also, to protect the nature features of the airport property.*

Departmental officials, in the preparation of the Green Space Master Plan, will take into consideration York Region's recommendation. However, until such time as the Greater Toronto Airports Authority has completed their Airport Master Planning work and the footprint of a possible future airport on the Pickering Lands Site is completed, it is very likely that the department's Pickering Team will continue Green Space planning on the currently identified 7500 acres of federal lands.

We are very pleased with the support of the Regional Municipality of York as demonstrated by Regional Council's support for Recommendation #1 and by the participation of John Waller, Director Long Range Strategic Planning, on the Green Space Stewardship Advisory Committee.

Yours sincerely,

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