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October 20, 2009



Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4V9

Dear Mr. Kelly:

RE: Resolution R10-2008 - Hospital Funding

I am writing to advise that Resolution R10-2008 regarding Hospital Funding was enacted at the regular meeting of Council on Monday, June 23, 2008. At Council on October 13, 2009 the following recommendation was adopted:

THAT Resolution R10-2008 regarding hospital funding be re-circulated to the parties named within the resolution.

I enclose a copy of Resolution R10-2008 for your action as necessary.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Anita Moore'.

Anita Moore
Town Clerk

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Encl.

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Moved by:

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June 23, 2008

Seconded by:

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RESOLUTION R10-2008

WHEREAS in 2001, the Regional Municipality of York approved funding for local hospitals and this funding expires in 2009;

AND WHEREAS York Region hospitals have requested the establishment of a *York Region Hospitals Capital Fund* that will require a 3% annual tax levy and will total \$486.3 million when fully implemented;

AND WHEREAS in 2006, the Strong Communities Coalition produced a report that concluded hospital services in growing GTA municipalities are funded at a per capita rate that is 18% to 25% below the provincial average;

AND WHEREAS in 1998, provincial amendments to the *Development Charges Act* eliminated development charges as a source of hospital funding;

AND WHEREAS municipal property taxes are not the appropriate means for raising significant dollars for health care and hospital infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS persons living on fixed incomes, including many of Newmarket's seniors, cannot afford a 3% tax levy for hospital infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS municipalities throughout the Province are burdened with increasing financial pressures in the delivery of services within their mandated spheres of jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Act is clear on the spheres of jurisdiction for municipalities - which does not include hospital and health care services.

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

1. **THAT** the Town of Newmarket request the Province of Ontario to fully fund health care costs and that, if the Province continues to insist on not fully funding hospital infrastructure, it provide the tools to solve the problem so that growth pays for growth and no additional burden is placed on the property taxpayer;
2. **AND THAT** the Town of Newmarket ask the Regional Municipality of York to not introduce a property tax levy beyond 2009 to fund hospitals which exceeds the current established base, as funding hospital and health care services does not fall within the sphere of jurisdiction mandated by the *Ontario Municipal Act* and would in fact represent the equivalent of voluntary downloading, which would be unfair to the property taxpayer of Newmarket and York Region;
3. **AND THAT**, if the Regional Municipality of York were to contemplate hospital funding, it do so only after the Province of Ontario amends the *Development Charges Act* and allows for a more practical funding model that ensures growth in York Region pays for the increased costs in hospital infrastructure.
4. **AND THAT** this Resolution be circulated to the Region of York, the local municipalities, the Member of Provincial Parliament, the Minister of Health and the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing for consideration.



Tony Van Bynen, Mayor