

August 20, 2012

Deputy Mayor Jack Heath
City of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham ON L3R 9W3



Dear Deputy Mayor Jack Heath,

I am writing to express my serious concerns on the recent two Council's decisions which greatly impact our business operation.

The first shocking news came on May 17, 2012 when the York Regional Council granted the exemption for the Kennedy and Denison Shopping Centre at 1661 Denison Street, Markham to remain open on 7 selected Statutory Holidays. Effectively the Council has freed up one of our major competitor's hand (Oriental Food) while kept us locked during those days. As a good community corporate citizen, we felt unfairly treated.

We also have a store within 2 km of Pacific Mall and have prepared a submission with evidence of support even stronger than Denison / Oriental Food.

The second stunning news came on June 23, 2012 when the Council apparently changed his mind and closed the door to allow more exemption application until April 2013. While I understand it is the Council's intention to wait for the direction from City of Toronto on same topic, I do not understand why the Council has inflicted this double standard and did not reverse May 17's approval to keep a fair play ground field. Being in the same exact industry, T&T stands to lose 5 business days of sales to Oriental Food between now and then estimating loss \$500,000. We are not a happy corporate citizen waiting until April for Toronto's decision. We really struggle to understand why you would inflict this double standard on us.

We would like to seek your advice and assistance on this respect and help us to find a way out. With 5 stores and \$35 million invested in York region we expect a favorable and fair outcome of this issue. Looking forward to your reply to get this resolved.

Yours sincerely,

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