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**RESOLUTION – TOWN OF MARKHAM
16TH AVENUE TRUNK SEWER ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE, REGION OF YORK'**

The Transportation and Works Committee considered a communication from Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham which included a resolution passed by the Town of Markham on February 24, 2004 regarding the 16th Avenue Trunk Sewer Environmental Update, Region of York and recommends to Regional Council the endorsement of the following resolution:

THAT the presentation by the Region of York, with respect to the 16th Avenue Trunk Sewer be received;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Markham is deeply concerned with the environmental impacts of the 16th Avenue Trunk Sewer dewatering;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York has been dewatering for approximately 6 months at a rate of 12,000 l/minute for Phase 1 to maintain the C8 Shaft while construction has been idle while awaiting approval to proceed to Phase 2;

AND WHEREAS the Region is awaiting approval of their Environmental Management Plan from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO), Ministry of Environment (MOE), Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Toronto Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) for Phase 2;

AND WHEREAS the Region is awaiting approval of their Well Mitigation Plan from the MOE;

AND WHEREAS continued delay in completing Phase 2 will result in additional dewatering of the aquifer;

BE IT RESOLVED that the environmental agencies be requested to expedite their review and conditions of approval for the Phase 2 Environmental Plan;

AND THAT a meeting be convened as soon as possible of all environmental agencies (i.e. DFO, MOE, MNR, TRCA), the Rouge Park Alliance and the Region of York, with the Town of Markham, to address the outstanding issues;

AND THAT the Honourable John McCallum, M.P., the Honourable Elinor Caplan, M.P., Byron Wilfert, M.P., Tony Wong, M.P.P., Mario Racco, M.P.P., Frank Klees, M.P.P., and Kees Schipper, Commissioner of Transportation and Works at the Region of York, be advised accordingly.