

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 7
OF THE REGIONAL
CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on December 6, 2001**

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RELOCATION OF DOANE HOUSE
ELDRED KING GARDENS**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council permit the Town of Newmarket to relocate the Doane House to the Region's lands adjacent to the Administrative Building, for use by Hospice Newmarket.
2. The relocation of the Doane House be subject to the Town of Newmarket entering into a lease with the Region on the terms set out in this report.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to advise Council of a request received from the Town of Newmarket for the relocation of the Doane House to a site within Eldred King Gardens, adjacent to the Administrative Building. The report further recommends the terms on which this request be granted.

3. BACKGROUND

The Town of Newmarket is concerned for the preservation of the Doane House, a building of historical and architectural significance to the Town. It is presently located on the west side of Yonge Street, between Eagle Street and William Roe Boulevard.

In 1998, Regional Council received a request from the Town of Newmarket for permission to relocate the house to the Eldred King Gardens site, adjacent to the Administrative

Building. At that time, Regional Council approved the request provided that the property be used for storage of archives or as an art gallery. The relocation did not proceed at that time.

The Town of Newmarket has now made arrangements for Hospice Newmarket to use the property when it has been relocated. Accordingly, the Town has renewed its request for permission to relocate the house to Eldred King Gardens.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The Town wishes to proceed with the relocation as soon as possible. All necessary approvals are in place, and a site plan has been prepared showing the proposed location of the house. A copy of the site plan is attached. (*Attachment 1*). The Town anticipates commencing foundation work within the next month.

The Town has provided details of the proposed activities of Hospice Newmarket on the property. Hospice Newmarket is a volunteer based non-profit organization which provides support to individuals and their families coping with life threatening illnesses. The Hospice is not a residential facility, and the proposed activities will include administration, daily programs and occasional public awareness activities.

The Town will bear all costs of the relocation and will landscape the surrounding area after the house has been relocated and restored.

It is recommended that the Region permit the relocation of the Doane House, subject to the Town entering into a lease with the Region for the use of the site, for a term of fifty years. Staff recommend, however, that the Region retain control over future use and occupation of the property. It is recommended, therefore, that the lease provide that any change in use be subject to the Region's approval.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications to the Region. The Town of Newmarket will bare all costs.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Relocation of the Doane House to the site of Eldred King Gardens will assist the Town of Newmarket in restoring a building of architectural and historical significance to the Town.

7. CONCLUSION

The Town of Newmarket has requested permission to relocate the Doane House to the site of Eldred King Gardens, adjacent to the Regional Administrative Building. Permission was previously granted by Regional Council in 1998, subject to the property being used for archival purposes. The Town now proposes that the building be used by Hospice

Newmarket. It is recommended that Regional Council grant the Town's request and authorize that the lands be leased to the Town for a term of fifty years, provided that the Region retains the right to approve any future change in use of the property.

Respectfully submitted,

**December 4, 2001
Newmarket, Ontario**

**Alan Wells,
Chief Administrative Officer**

(Report No. 7 of the Chief Administrative Officer was adopted, without amendment, by Regional Council at its meeting on December 6, 2001.)