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Mr. Kees Shipper
The Regional Municipality of York
Commissioner of Transportation and Works
Transportation and Works Department
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
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Dear Mr. Shipper:

Re: Funding Contribution

As you are aware, on February 26, 2004 the Minister of Agriculture and Agri-food and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) established a "regulated area" in parts of Vaughan and Toronto. It is bordered in the north by Rutherford Road/York Regional Road 73; in the east by Dufferin Street/York Regional Road 53/William R. Allen Road/The William R. Allen Expressway; in the south by Hwy. 401 and Hwy 490; and in the west by Hwy. 27/York Regional Road 27.

Our Minister's *Asian Long-horned Beetle Infested Place Order, 2004* also prohibits or restricts the movement of nursery stock, trees, leaves, logs, lumber, wood, wood chips and bark chips from broad-leaf deciduous trees identified as hosts of the ALHB, firewood of all species that has not been treated in a manner to eliminate the pest, and certain conveyances out of this infested place. Unless authorized by the CFIA, their movement out of or through the regulated area is prohibited. This is necessary to prevent the spread of the ALHB throughout York Region, Toronto and the rest of Ontario and Canada.

The CFIA has since implemented an aggressive program to control and eradicate this unwanted pest with the cooperation of the Cities of Toronto and Vaughan, The Regional Municipality of York, as well as other partners. A large number of host trees have been removed to this end.

You have acknowledged that municipal yard waste is collected and processed under your department's authority, and have designated a location to process regulated articles from residences within the regulated area. You have advised us that you could manage commercial yard waste within the regulated area, if the CFIA would pay the difference between the charge to your clients and your operating costs.

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To date, the CFIA has covered all the costs associated with surveying, tree removal and the processing of wood material to control and eradicate the ALHB. Our Minister has also recently announced that compensation will also be provided to certain affected parties for tree replacement. Therefore, as the Agency has already made an enormous financial commitment to this program, and as yard waste management is a joint responsibility of municipalities and landowners outside the scope of the CFIA's mandate, we cannot support your request for funding.

Despite this response, I would still like to close by thanking York Region for its cooperation in controlling and eradicating this unwanted and destructive pest.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Josée Rousseau". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "R".

Josée Rousseau
Regional Director, Toronto Region

cc: Ben Gasman
Dr. Bill Teeter
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