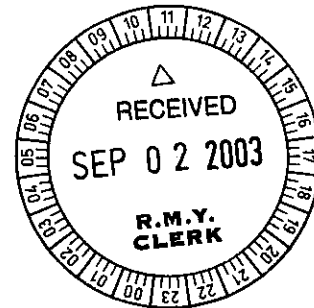


August 27, 2003

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1



REGION OF YORK
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FILE No. - P27

RE: **MARKHAM HOME SOLUTION
COMPOSTING PROGRAM (5.1)**

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This will confirm that at the meeting of Council held on August 26, 2003, Clause 5 of Report No. 51, was approved as follows:

"That the Report entitled "Markham Home Solution Composting Program" be received;

And that, as the Region of York is unable to provide organics processing capacity at this time, the Town will implement a program designed to increase the diversion of organics by encouraging residents to home compost;

And that a Home Solution Composting Package consisting of a home composter, kitchen container, biodegradable bags, and education information kit be offered for sale to Markham residents at a subsidized price of \$15 per package;

And that a kick-off truckload sale event be held on Saturday, September 13, 2003 at the Centennial Community Centre;

And that the net cost for the September 13, 2003 event of \$22,637 be funded from the \$50,000 identified in the 2003 Waste Management operating budget as Enhanced/New Programs - Phase 1 organics collection project;

And that the Region of York be requested to provide 50% funding to offset the cost of the truckload sale event and the future Home Solution Composting Program;

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And that staff gather information at this event with regard to the sustained use of home composters and the effectiveness of biodegradable liner bags for Home Solution Composting and report back in the spring of 2004 on the results;

And that the balance of \$27,363 from the \$50,000 allocated in the 2003 Waste Management operating budget, as Enhanced/New Programs, for the Phase 1 organics collection project be allocated to the subsidized composting program for the remainder of 2003;

And that the funding for the September 13, 2003 event and the subsidization of home composting packages for the remainder of 2003 be transferred to the 2003 Operating Account #770-7729160;

And that the continuation of funding for the Home Composting Program be considered for approval in the 2004 budget process;

And that the Town of Markham continue to pursue organics processing opportunities for early implementation of a Town-wide residential organics curbside collection program;

And that this report be forwarded to Council for approval at its meeting of August 26, 2003."

Yours sincerely,



Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk

Copy to: Stan Bertoia, General Manager, Construction and Utilities
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Barb Cribbett, Treasurer