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**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

FILE No. = 906

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of May 24, 2007, about York Regional Council's decision to adopt the use of fluorescent yellow-green school signs on regional roads. I take the safety of school children very seriously and I am pleased to offer you some encouraging news on this issue.

Given the expanding use of the fluorescent yellow-green school signs in Ontario and the adoption of this colour as a national standard by the Transportation Association of Canada, the ministry will expand the recognition of this sign/colour in its Ontario Traffic Manuals (Book 5 - Regulatory Signs and Book 6 - Warning Signs), and Regulation 615 of the *Highway Traffic Act*.

Changes to the regulation are expected to include a transitional period where both signs can be used. This will give road authorities time to implement the changes. Municipalities will be notified once the regulation is approved and placed in the Ontario Gazette.

Changes to the Ontario Traffic Manuals will be made in their next printing, however, municipalities can use the yellow green school zone and warning signs immediately. The timing of the legislated changes for the speed signs is difficult to predict and I assure you that this process will proceed expeditiously. For updates on the status of this initiative and the Ontario Traffic Manuals, I encourage you to contact Gordon Troughton, Manager, Traffic Office, at (905) 704-2940.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Cansfield".

Donna Cansfield
Minister