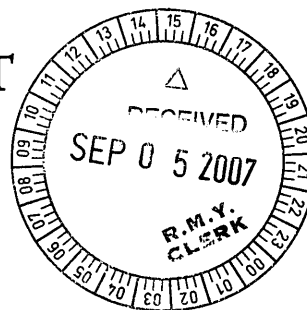




TOWN OF NEWMARKET

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August 30, 2007

Mr. Denis Kelly, Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
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RE: Resolution – GTA Pooling

POY
Chair CMO
A Russell

I am writing to advise that a resolution from the Town of Aurora regarding GTA Pooling was considered by Committee of the Whole on Monday, August 13, 2007 and subsequently a resolution was considered by Council at the regular meeting held on Monday, August 27, 2007.

I enclose a copy of Resolution R6-2007 enacted by the Town of Newmarket for your action as necessary.

Sincerely

Anita Moore
Town Clerk

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Enclosure (1)

copy: Town of Richmond Hill
Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville
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City of Vaughan
Town of East Gwillimbury
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August 27, 2007

Moved by: **"Regional Councillor Taylor"**

Seconded by: **"Councillor Woodhouse"**

RESOLUTION R6 – 2007

WHEREAS, as part of the Local Services Realignment (LSR) initiative in the 1990's, The Regional Municipality of York (the Region of York) assumed a number of new responsibilities downloaded by the then provincial government, including welfare, housing for the poor, social assistance drug costs, public health, ambulance, day care and senior services, as well as a portion of pooled costs associated with social assistance and social housing for the Greater Toronto Area (GTA);

AND WHEREAS these costs are apportioned to each of the nine local municipalities and levied by them on behalf of the Region of York;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Ontario recently announced that, beginning in 2008, the government will upload the full costs of disability support payments (ODSP - Ontario Disability Support Program) and drug benefits (ODB – Ontario Drug Benefit), relieving municipalities of these costs over a four-year period;

AND WHEREAS the 2007 Provincial Budget included an announcement to phase out GTA pooling over seven years, beginning in 2007 by rolling contributions back to 2004 levels, and by one-sixth of the 2004 levels in each subsequent year, until fully eliminating it by 2013;

AND WHEREAS the York Region Human Services Planning Coalition has identified an annual funding gap for provincially-funded Social Services and Hospital and Health Care Services that continues to expand as the Region continues to grow;

AND WHEREAS the total size of the funding gap for Social Services in York Region in 2003/2004 was about \$173 million and the total funding gap for Hospital and Health Care Services in York Region between 2002 and 2007 as compared to the rest of the Province is estimated to be almost \$2 billion;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York's Outstanding Debt projected to December 31, 2007 is \$1.2 billion, which is expected to peak at approximately \$2.2 billion in 2011;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York's Debt Servicing in 2007 is \$138.6 million, which is expected to peak at approximately \$419 million in 2014;

AND WHEREAS local governments, including the Region of York, have not been able to afford the costs of maintaining aging infrastructure along with addressing the growing number of responsibilities transferred to them by other orders of government, resulting in necessary rehabilitation and/or replacement of capital infrastructure works being deferred, postponed or cancelled;

AND WHEREAS Canada's local government infrastructure deficit has been estimated by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to be in the range of \$60 billion and by the TD Bank Financial Group to sit at between \$50 billion and \$125 billion, which is 6-10 times the level of all current annual government infrastructure budgets combined;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York embarked on a Capital Asset Management Plan in 2006 to address the rehabilitation and/or replacement of capital assets;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York's estimated value of capital assets is approximately \$6.3 billion while its Capital Asset Replacement/Rehabilitation Reserve Fund sits at approximately \$103 million;

AND WHEREAS the Region of York will experience significant additional budget pressures associated with the provincially-mandated Places to Grow Act;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Town of Newmarket as follows:

1. **THAT** the Region of York be encouraged to reallocate the savings resulting from the phasing out of the GTA pooling and the uploading of the ODSP and ODB, and that these funds be evenly distributed for increased funding between Social Service Programming, Debt Reduction and Asset Replacement for a minimum period of 5 years beginning in 2008; and,
2. **THAT** the Clerk provide a copy of this resolution to the Region of York and each of the municipalities within the Region of York for their information.

"Tony Van Bynen"
Tony Van Bynen, Mayor