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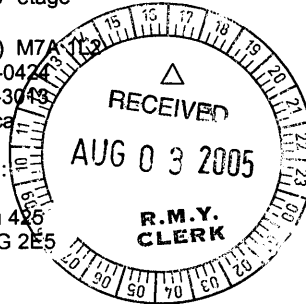
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter regarding various issues that the Region of York feels are not adequately addressed in the new Provincial Policy Statement and would like to see addressed in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

The Provincial Policy Statement provides the starting point for the Growth Plan. Where necessary and appropriate, the Growth Plan will provide more detailed direction for the more defined geography of the Greater Golden Horseshoe.

Several of the issues you have identified are addressed in the Draft Growth Plan I released on February 16th of this year. These include directing growth to key development areas; supporting the centres and corridors approach to planning; a more coordinated approach to natural systems planning; a comprehensive strategy for mineral aggregate resources; and linking infrastructure investment to growth planning.

The province is also committed to putting in place the appropriate range of fiscal and planning tools that will assist municipalities in implementing the Provincial Policy Statement, Greenbelt Plan, and Growth Plan.

My Ministry recently completed an extensive public consultation process on the Draft Growth Plan. Ministry staff are currently reviewing all of the comments received, including those from the Region of York and its municipalities. I will be releasing a new edition of the Growth Plan in the coming months for further feedback.

Thank you again for your letter and for your continued interest in the Places to Grow initiative. I look forward to working closely with the Region of York as the Growth Plan evolves.

Yours sincerely,

David Caplan
Minister