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Mrs. Margaret Black
Councilor, Regional Municipality of York
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Dear Mrs. Black,

I do unfortunately not know what the formalities are to bring something before the Regional Council, so I write to you, as our representative on the council.

I hope that you can bring the following matter before council, or advise me how I should go about to do that to get the best results.

I am very disturbed about the poor success of the tree-planting program along the regional roads. It would be beautiful to have tree lined roads with the beneficial environmental effect, but we need live trees and not dead ones. In early summer I drove along Rutherford Road, west of Weston Road, and found that 2/3 of the recently planted trees had died. I found the same thing last night at the south end of Maple on Keele Street, where only the mound of wood chips remain. Needless to say the same can be found on Jane Street between Major Mac. and Hwy. 7. These are unfortunately only a few examples of many other locations. As such this is clear waste of money, without any benefit.

I would estimate that each tree, once its is planted, costs in the range of \$150 to \$200. A rather costly affair, if one multiplies this by the number of dead trees.

I believe that it would be cost effective to implement a watering program for the first summer of planting, to assure that at the end we have trees and not just wasted money. May I ask you to bring up this matter at council, for the benefit of the folks of York Region, so that we have better results of this program?

Thank you very much. With best regards

