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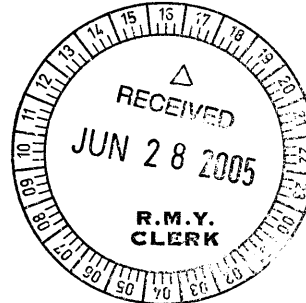
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Mr. Dennis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Chair
CAO
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of April 22, 2005, and for providing me with a copy of the Regional Municipality of York's Planning and Economic Development Committee recommendations, adopted by Council at its April 21 meeting.

Before these recommendations were adopted, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MAH) staff met with regional staff who identified the issues that make up the majority of the recommendations. Our staff agreed to a number of steps to be taken and they have held a series of discussions since that time.

MAH staff have provided the information contained in your report to staff in other ministries, including the ministries of the Environment, Transportation and Public Infrastructure and Renewal. I understand that York Region staff are now also involved in on-going discussions centering on water and wastewater servicing, transportation and inter-regional connectivity, and the development of Seaton.

We welcome the opportunity to continue this dialogue and to create, ultimately, a model community in Pickering.

Thank you, again, for sharing the committee's recommendations with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "John Gerretsen".

John Gerretsen
Minister