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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti, Committee Chair
Members of Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan W. Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

DATE: August 26, 2005

RE: **Canadian Institute of Planners Awards for Planning Excellence**

I am pleased to inform you that the following submissions from the Planning and Development Services Department have received the 2005 Awards for Planning Excellence in two categories:

Housing and Our Economy, Remaining Competitive – Housing Category
Draft Economic Strategy – Economic Development Category

The Canadian Institute of Planners Awards for Planning Excellence is an annual National Award program that recognizes innovation, creativity, professionalism, integration, feasibility, and contribution to sustainability, quality of life and health in planning publications, programs and initiatives. The Program is an opportunity for the Institute to acknowledge the professional accomplishments of CIP members. It has become increasingly popular over the past few years and interest continues to grow amongst the membership, the public, and the media.

In 2005, CIP has received a total of 59 entries for the ten Award categories, and the submissions reflected the experience and interests of many of Canada's foremost planning practitioners and academic community. Both *Housing and Our Economy, Remaining Competitive* and the *Draft Economic Strategy* were recognized by the Institute for their creativity, integration and professionalism. Credits were given to both projects for being undertaken in-house by staff who have demonstrated an understanding of the challenges and issues facing the planning and related disciplines in the Region.

The Awards are an acknowledgement of the hard work and dedication of Regional Council, staff, businesses and stakeholders to ensure the continued quality of life and prosperity for York Region's residents and business community now and in the future.

The Awards were presented at the 2005 CIP Awards Banquet on July 19 in Calgary, and accepted on behalf of York Region by Neil Garbe, Director of Community Planning.

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