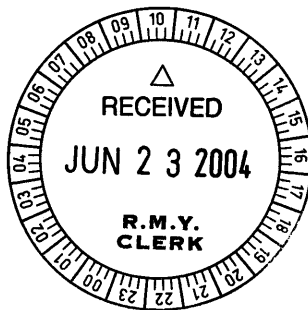
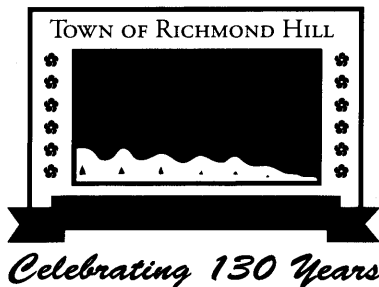




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June 15, 2004

Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
P.O. Box 147
Newmarket, Ontario
L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Resolution from Richmond Hill Town Council regarding Property Taxation of the 407 ETR

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting on May 31, 2004, approved the following resolution regarding the taxation of toll highways:

Whereas the 407 ETR is being operated by the private sector on a for-profit basis through tolls paid by those using the highway;

And Whereas the 407 ETR operates in a number of municipalities;

And Whereas the Province plans to expand the use of toll roads in Ontario;

And Whereas municipal roads connected to the 407 ETR are subject to increased vehicular traffic placing additional demand on the local infrastructure;

And Whereas the land occupied by the 407 ETR is not available to generate property tax revenue to the local municipality;

And Whereas the Province of Ontario makes payments-in-lieu of taxes on lands owned or controlled by the Province where taxable tenants occupy the land;

And Whereas the current Assessment Act exempts from taxation toll highways, and the current Municipal Tax Assistance Act excludes highways from a payment-in-lieu of property taxes (PIL);

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Richmond Hill request:

That the Province of Ontario make the necessary legislative and regulatory changes regarding the 407 ETR and all future toll roads which are operated in full or in part by for-profit organizations, to provide local municipalities with:

- The ability to charge property taxes, or
- The ability to charge payments-in-lieu of taxes (PIL's) at the commercial rate that would be payable if the property taxes were applicable, or
- An equivalent portion of the revenues received from toll roads.

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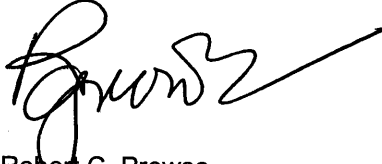
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And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Finance, the Minister of Transportation, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the local member of Provincial Parliament, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Municipal Finance Officer's Association of Ontario (MFOA), the Region of York, and all municipalities through which the 407 ETR passes.

In accordance with Council's directive, I am forwarding to your attention a copy of Council's resolution in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Prowse', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Robert C. Prowse
Town Clerk

cc: The Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario
The Honourable Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance
The Honourable Harinder Takhar, Minister of Transportation
The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
Mr. Frank Klees, M.P.P. - Oak Ridges
Ms. Ann Mulvale, President, Association of Municipalities of Ontario
Mr. Dan Cowin, Executive Director, Municipal Finance Officer's Association of Ontario
Ontario Municipalities outlined in Appendix "A"

Appendix 'A'

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Whitby, ON
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The Town of Oakville
P.O. Box 310
1225 Trafalgar Road
Oakville, ON
L6J 5A6

Ms. Cheri Cowan, Clerk
The Town of Caledon
P.O. Box 1000
6311 Old Church Road
Caledon East, ON
L0N 1E0

Ms. Ulli Watkiss, Clerk
City of Toronto
Station 1071, 7th Floor
Metro Hall, 55 John Street
Toronto, ON
M5V 3C6

Mr. Thomas G. Gettinby, Deputy Clerk
The Township of Brock
P.O. Box 10
1 Cameron Street E.
Cannington, ON
L0E 1E0

Mr. Bruce J. Taylor, Clerk
The City of Pickering
1 The Esplanade
Pickering, ON
L1V 6K7

Ms. Tina Agnello, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Halton
1151 Bronte Road
Oakville, ON
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Ms. Karen Landry, Town Clerk
The Town of Halton Hills
1 Halton Hills Drive
Georgetown, ON
L7G 5G2

Ms. Charlotte Gravlev, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Peel
10 Peel Centre Drive
Brampton, ON
L6T 4B9

Ms. Crystal Greer, Clerk
The City of Mississauga
Civic Centre
300 City Centre Drive
Mississauga, ON
L5B 3C1

Patricia M. Madill, Clerk
The Regional Municipality of Durham
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605 Rossland Road E.
Whitby, ON
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The Municipality of Clarington
40 Temperance Street
Bowmanville, ON
L1C 3A6

Ms. Kim Coates, Clerk
The Township of Scugog
P.O.Box 780
181 Perry Street
Port Perry, ON
L9L 1A7

Mr. Troy McHarg, Clerk
The Town of Milton
43 Brown Street
Milton, ON
L9T 5H2

Mr. Leonard Mikulich, Clerk
The City of Brampton
2 Wellington Street W.
Brampton, ON
L6Y 4R2

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