

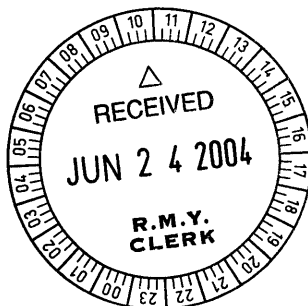


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June 22, 2004

REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - 904

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

Subject: Property Taxation of the 407 and Future Express Toll Roads (ETR)

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Your letter dated June 10, 2004 indicating that the Council of the Regional Municipality of York endorsed a resolution of the City of Vaughan regarding "Property Taxation of the 407 and Future Express Toll Roads (ETR) is acknowledged.

Your letter was circulated to all Members of Council and although they did not formally endorse the Vaughan resolution, they did indicate that they passed a similar resolution in 2000. I was directed to forward to you a copy of that resolution in support of any collective action that may be taken by municipalities affected by Highway 407.

Attached is a copy of Resolution #131/00 passed on October 2, 2000 regarding the financial implications of Highway 407.

If you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly



Bruce Taylor, AMCT, CMM
City Clerk

Attachment

Copy: Clerk, City of Vaughan
Director, Corporate Services & Treasurer

Resolution #131/00 Passed on October 2, 2000

Moved by Councillor Brenner
Seconded by Councillor Pickles

WHEREAS the Highway 407 Act, 1998, has designed Highway 407 as "a private toll highway"; and

WHEREAS the Assessment Act was amended to exempt toll highways such as Highway 407 from assessment and taxation; and

WHEREAS Highway 407 is now being extended into the City of Pickering; and

WHEREAS 407 International Inc., the sole shareholder, operator and manager of Highway 407 is exempted from paying taxes to the City of Pickering, notwithstanding that they will be using the municipal services provided by the City of Pickering; and

WHEREAS the City of Pickering is concerned about the financial burden that the provision of these services will impose upon it without any offsetting tax revenue;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Corporation of the City of Pickering requests that the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor be instructed to:

- a) investigate the various financial implications arising out of the extension of Highway 407 into the City of Pickering, and
- b) implement a by-law imposing royalties, licence fees, administrative charges and any other appropriate and reasonable charges upon 407 International Inc. and any other appropriate user of municipal services on Highway 407 in the City of Pickering, and
- c) confer with all other municipalities through which Highway 407 passes to determine a uniform and consistent method of charging such royalties and other charges among such municipalities.

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