

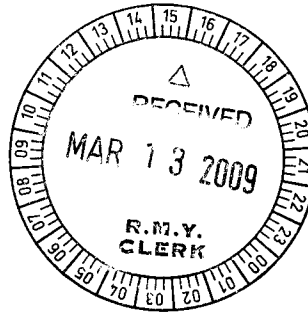


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CLERK'S OFFICE

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



RE: YONGE SUBWAY

Dear Mr. Kelly:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on March 10, 2009, Town of Markham Council adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas the Province of Ontario has passed the *Places to Grow Act, 2005* and endorsed the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, 2006 which gives clear direction for growth in the Greater Golden Horseshoe; and,

Whereas the Growth Plan designates the Langstaff area of Markham as a Urban Growth Centre called the Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway; and,

Whereas the Town of Markham has passed Official Plan Amendment 171 to comply with the Growth Plan; and,

Whereas the Town of Markham has through a public process engaged the services of Peter Calthorpe, a world renowned Urban Design Architect to carry out the Urban Design component of the Langstaff Gateway provincially designated Growth Centre; and,

Whereas Peter Calthorpe has determined that the Langstaff Gateway site may be the best serviced site in North America from a proposed public transit and existing Road and Highway point of view, and that this site should redefine Transit Oriented Development; and,

Whereas the Master Plan for Langstaff has been through an exhaustive public process and is nearing completion and it has been determined that this site has the potential (subject to Council approval) for up to 15,000 dwelling units and 15,000 jobs in the Growth Centre, exceeding the minimum requirements of the Growth Plan; and,

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Whereas the Langstaff Gateway site is being designed to achieve a non-auto modal split of 60% which will put it on the leading edge in the GTA; and,

Whereas all facilities in the Langstaff Gateway will be designed to LEED standard; and,

Whereas the Region of York recently filed an environmental assessment for the Yonge Street Subway extension from Finch Avenue to just North of Highway 7; and,

Whereas the selected route chosen by York Region is East of Yonge Street and next to the CN Bala line and next to Hightech Road in Richmond Hill; and,

Whereas this alignment created a radius that the Region of York stated will necessitate that the subway station will have to be in front of the Holy Cross Cemetery south of the Langstaff Gateway and removed from direct access from the Langstaff Gateway High Density Residential and Office Towers; and,

Whereas it has been suggested that the Go Rail Station presently located on Langstaff Road and forming an integral part of the Langstaff Gateway Urban Design would be moved North in the vicinity of the proposed Subway Station at Hightech Rd; and,

Whereas it has also been suggested that the proposed Highway 407 Transitway, an integral piece of infrastructure necessary to the Langstaff Gateway proposal, will be relocated from the proposed alignment next to the Langstaff site to a location in the vicinity of Hightech Road; and,

Whereas the Council of the Town of Markham on October 14, 2008 passed a resolution endorsing a number of design principles for the Langstaff/Longbridge Subway station and the Langstaff Gateway Project Design, in particular that the Langstaff/Longbridge subway station should be located on Yonge Street as close as possible to the Langstaff Gateway site for pedestrian connectivity, and that the Highways 407 and 7 transit stations should remain in their corridors ROW and the existing GO Train platform should remain in place and be accessible to both Richmond Hill and Markham's Langstaff Urban Growth Centre; therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That the Town of Markham requests the Honourable Minister of the Environment, in accepting or approving the Yonge Subway Extension (Finch Station to Richmond Hill Centre) Environmental Project Report dated Feb 2, 2009, to acknowledge the intent to move the Langstaff/Longbridge Subway Station as far north as possible in the final design, so as to better serve the Langstaff Gateway Urban Growth Centre; and,

- 2) That Provincial Ministries and transit agencies involved in the overall planning and design of the interface between the Yonge Subway extension and other modes of transit (including GO Rail, 407 Transitway, VIVA/YRTP Rapid Transit and YRT bus service) at the Richmond Hill/Langstaff Gateway Mobility Hub be requested to ensure that the transit network and mobility hub is designed to provide the best possible transit service to the significant transit oriented development being planned at the Langstaff Gateway in Markham; and further,

- 3) That the resolution be forwarded to The Premier Of Ontario, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Minister of Energy and Public Infrastructure, Minister of Transportation, Minister of Environment, Region of York, All Local MPPs, Town of Richmond Hill, City of Vaughan, Metrolinx, City of Toronto, Federal Minister of Transportation, Mr. Dale Albers, Chief Communications Officer, York Region Rapid Transit, Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, City of Toronto, Charles Wheeler, Deputy Chief Project Manager, Toronto Transit Commission. (Item 1 of Report No. 17)

If you have any questions, please contact Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services at 905-477-7000 ext. 4875 or Alan Brown, Director of Engineering at 905-477-7000 ext. 7507.

Yours sincerely,



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Town Clerk