



March 7, 2017

Mr. Chris Raynor
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
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RE: VACANT UNIT PROPERTY TAX REBATE PROGRAM (7.0)

Dear Mr. Raynor:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on March 1, 2017, Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas the Province of Ontario has provided municipalities broad flexibility for 2017 and future years to tailor the vacant unit property tax rebate program to reflect community needs and circumstances, while considering the interests of local businesses; and,

Whereas municipalities can implement changes by notifying the Minister of Finance of their intent to utilize this flexibility and providing details of the proposed changes along with a Council resolution; and,

Whereas municipalities wishing to utilize the flexibility available to them must submit details of the proposed changes to the Minister along with a Council resolution by March 1, 2017, April 1, 2017 or July 1, 2017; and;

Whereas in two-tiered municipalities, any program changes to be implemented will be an upper-tier municipal decision; and,

Now therefore be it resolved:

- 1) That Markham City Council request the Regional Municipality of York ask the Minister of Finance for an extension to the Province’s prescribed period to November 30, 2017 to allow for additional public input; and,

- 2) That a copy of this resolution be circulated to all municipalities within the Regional Municipality of York.

If you have any questions, please contact Shane Manson, Senior Manager, Revenue and Taxation, at 905-477-7000 ext. 7514.

Yours sincerely,

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

Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

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