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Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

**Re: Town of Aurora Council Resolution of November 17, 2015; Re: Motion (a)
Election of Regional Chair for Region of York**

Please be advised that this matter was heard by Council at its Special Council meeting held on November 17, 2015, and in this regard Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the following Notice of Motion regarding the election of a Regional Chair, moved by Regional Councillor Joe Li and seconded by Mayor Justin Altmann, has been placed on the Region of York's November 19, 2015 agenda;

"NOTICE OF MOTION

***Moved by: Regional Councillor Joe Li
Seconded by: Mayor Justin Altmann***

WHEREAS The Regional Municipality of York (the "Region of York") was established in 1971;

AND WHEREAS the head of the council of the Region of York (the "Regional Chair") has always been appointed by the members of council, pursuant to the applicable legislation;

AND WHEREAS, in 2003, a second option was introduced under subsection 218(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 (the "Act"), which permits the head of council of an upper-tier municipality, to be "elected by general vote", in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as an alternative to appointment by Regional Council, subject to the process set out in the Act;

AND WHEREAS subsection 219(2) of the Act sets out a cumbersome process to change from appointment to direct election of the Regional Chair, referred to as the “triple majority”;

AND WHEREAS the following Regional Municipalities now elect their Regional Chair by general vote under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996:

***Regional Municipality of Halton
Regional Municipality of Durham
Regional Municipality of Waterloo***

AND WHEREAS Private Member’s Bill 42, the Municipal Amendment Act (Election of Chair of York Region), 2014, was tabled in the Ontario Legislature on November 14, 2014 by the MPP for Newmarket-Aurora, Chris Ballard (the “Bill”), and has been given second reading and referred to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly;

AND WHEREAS the Bill proposes revisions to subsection 218(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 that require the Regional Chair to be elected by a general vote in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;

AND WHEREAS on June 14, 2012, the council of the Region of York resolved not to support Bill 60, a predecessor of Bill 42, and to retain the status quo regarding the election of the Regional Chair;

AND WHEREAS the present process of the council of the Region of York appointing their own Regional Chair deprives the residents of a democratic process for a senior member of Regional government.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1) That the Region of York express its support for Bill 42, and request the Province of Ontario to pass Bill 42 and require the head of council of The Regional Municipality of York to be elected by general vote in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, beginning in the next municipal election; and,

2) That this Motion be sent to The Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Patrick Brown, Leader of the Official Opposition (Progressive Conservative Party), Andrea Horwath, Leader of the New Democratic Party, all MPPs in the Region of York, including Chris Ballard, and the Councils of all municipalities within the Region of York.”;

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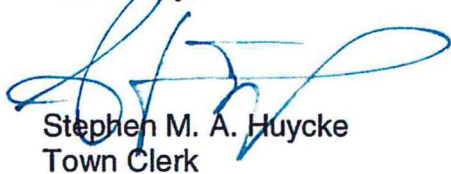
NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora endorse the Motion to Elect the Regional Chair from Regional Councillor Li and Mayor Altmann; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora send a letter to the Region of York expressing our support for the concept of an elected Regional Chair; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora express its support to the Province for Bill 42 which would require the head of council of The Regional Municipality of York to be elected by general vote in accordance with the *Municipal Elections Act*, 1996, beginning in the next municipal election.

The above is for your information and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours truly,



Stephen M. A. Huycke
Town Clerk

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The Honourable Ted McMeekin, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing