

MEMORANDUM

TO: Committee of the Whole

FROM: Dino Basso
Executive Director, Corporate and Strategic Planning

DATE: September 4, 2014

RE: **York Region Geographic Information Services Receives a Special Achievement in GIS Award from Esri**

This memorandum is to inform you that York Region's Geographic Information Services Branch won a Special Achievement in GIS Award from Environmental Systems Research Institute (Esri). Esri is a globally renowned international supplier of Geographic Information System (GIS) software, web GIS and geodatabase management applications. York Region was presented the award for its Enterprise Geographic Information System. The Enterprise GIS provides the quality data, access and analysis that are essential to supporting the Region's decision-making, service and program delivery and business systems.

The Special Achievement in GIS award is awarded to organizations that have used GIS to improve our world—and set new precedents throughout the GIS community. Esri Canada reviews the accomplishments of their GIS customers and submits an application to Esri Inc. for consideration. Recipients of the Special Achievement in GIS award are chosen by Esri from thousands of organizations worldwide. York Region was the only organization in Canada selected to receive this award from over 10,000 agencies and businesses.

This award provides recognition to Regional Council for its leadership in establishing the Region's GIS and advancing it into an Enterprise GIS over the past 20 years.

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