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Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
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Attention: Councilor Valerie Burke
Ward One

Re: Paid-duty Officer Financial Support for "Lindsay Lights" Light Show
(www.lindsaylights.com).

Dear Councilor Burke,

As you are aware, my brother and I create a sophisticated annual Christmas light display, attracting thousands of visitors. The display is computer controlled and consists of more than 80,000 lights. Within the past 5 years, we've passed more than \$42,000 to local charities, collected from visitors of the lights

During the past two Christmas seasons, we took the initiative to hire paid-duty officers to assist my family and volunteers in the many hours spent controlling traffic within and around our Court. This has allowed us to maintain a positive, friendly, safe environment for all visitors and neighbours.

A total of \$2,647.34 was paid out to the officers from our collected donations, in 2007/2008, while \$2530.99 was paid out in 2006/2007, (receipts available upon request). We are asking for your support in seeking favourable consideration from the Town of Markham for reimbursement of these amounts, which would allow us to continue to pass on all collected donations to local charities.

As attested to by the many passionate emails and other communications we receive, our display not only attracts thousands of visitors, but also hundreds of international devotees who watch via the Internet. I continue to be amazed how many people speak of how the display brings warmth to their hearts and brightens the spirits the many children and seniors who look forward to the show every year. I submit that, our display is putting Markham on the map in a very positive way and that the Town will recognize that this is the case.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Martin Lindsay.