



Report to: General Committee

Date of Meeting: November 20, 2006

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**SUBJECT:** Amendment to Holistic Practitioners' By-law  
**PREPARED BY:** Darlene Barker, Extension 2128

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

That a by-law be enacted to amend By-law 2004-309, a by-law to register persons engaged in carrying on the business of a holistic practitioner, to delete and replace Schedule "A", the list of associations governing a modality of holistic health, that are approved and recognized for the purpose of registration pursuant to the by-law.

**PURPOSE:**

To add to the list of associations on Schedule A to the By-law, that have been approved and recognized as governing holistic health services for which members may be registered as Holistic Practitioners pursuant to the by-law.

**BACKGROUND:**

By-law 2004-309, a by-law to register persons engaged in carrying on the business of a holistic practitioner was enacted on November 16, 2004. Included in the by-law is a list of associations which govern specific modalities from which members are approved for Holistic Practitioner's registration. Since enactment, additional associations have approached staff to request inclusion in the schedule.

A public meeting was held on November 22, 2005 in the Council Chamber to solicit comments and hear representations from members of the public. There were no representations made to Council regarding this amendment on that meeting date.

**OPTIONS/ DISCUSSION:**

The Associations that are proposed to be added to the list are

- The Canadian Society of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture
- The Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Canada
- Canadian Council of Certified Acupuncturists

These associations have provided the required information to obtain status on the list consistent with the associations that are currently on the list. The modalities they govern are generally Acupuncture and Chinese medicine.

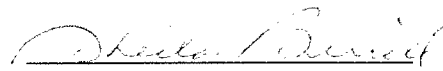
Having their associations included on the list will permit their members to obtain registration to provide those services in Markham.

**FINANCIAL TEMPLATE:**

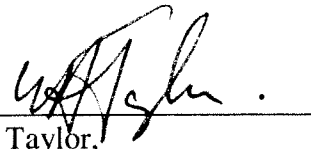
Not Applicable

**RECOMMENDED**

**BY:**



Sheila Birrell,  
Town Clerk



Andy Taylor,  
Commissioner, Corporate  
Services

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Draft Amending By-law



## BY-LAW 2006-

A By-law to amend By-law 2004-309, a by-law to register Holistic Practitioners

WHEREAS section 157(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25 authorizes a municipal council to establish and maintain a registry of businesses, and to require a business to register and maintain its registration in the registry;

AND WHEREAS Council deems it necessary and in the interests of consumer protection to enact a by-law to register persons engaged in carrying on the business of a holistic practitioner to recognize these businesses distinct from those licensed as adult entertainment, and to provide the municipality with contact information to facilitate communication, zoning compliance and complaint resolution;

AND WHEREAS a public information meeting was held in Council Chambers of the Town of Markham to discuss the proposed amendments on November 11, 2005

AND WHEREAS a Holistic Services is defined in the by-law as any modality approved or recognized by an Association listed in Schedule "A" of the by-law;

AND WHEREAS it is necessary to amend Schedule A of the by-law to include approved associations;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of The Corporation of Markham ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:

1. That Schedule "A" of By-law 2004-309, as amended, be deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

### SCHEDULE A

#### ASSOCIATIONS for Holistic Practitioners

Canadian Trager Association  
Ontario Polarity Therapy Association  
Shiatsu Therapy Association of Ontario  
Reflexology Registration Council of Ontario  
Therapeutic Touch Network of Ontario  
The Craniosacral Therapy Association of North America  
Canadian Association of Acupuncture and Traditional Chinese Medicine  
Canadian Council of Certified Acupuncturists  
Canadian Society of Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture  
Chinese Medicine and Acupuncture Association of Canada  
Canadian Federation of Aromatherapists  
International Aromatherapists & Tutors Association Canada Inc.  
Healing Touch Association of Canada  
Healing Touch International

2. This By-law shall come into force and effect upon passage thereof

READ A FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD TIME AND PASSED THIS  
DAY OF , 2006.

SHEILA BIRRELL, TOWN CLERK

DON COUSENS, MAYOR

