

York Region

Planning and Development Services Department

October 26, 2006

Ms. Sheila Birrell
Town Clerk
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Birrell:

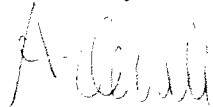
Re: Update of Population Figures on Road Signs in Area Municipalities

As you know, York Region is one of the fastest growing municipalities in all of Canada. In 2005, the Region grew at an average annual rate of approximately 3.2% or over 28,000 people. It is important that the road signs throughout the Region reflect up-to-date population figures.

Regional road signs were last updated in mid 2005 and Regional Council has directed staff to report up-to-date population figures for the annual updating of all road signs. At Council's request, this information is being forwarded to all nine area municipalities providing them with the opportunity to comment before Regional staff change the population figures on road signs. All road signs at the gateway to York Region will display the Region's population. All other population road signs within area municipalities will display area municipal population figures only.

The June 30, 2006 population estimates for the area municipalities were published in the Economic and Development Review mid year 2006 and can be found on Table 1 of the attached sheet. If you have any questions or comments on the number for your municipality, please contact Anthony Ierullo, Planner, Long Range and Strategic Planning by Oct. 20, 2006. He can be reached by telephone at 1-877-464-9675 extension 1537, by fax at (905) 895-3482, or by email at anthony.ierullo@york.ca. Staff are planning to proceed with the updating of road signs in the fall 2006.

Yours truly,



Anthony Ierullo
Planner, Planning and Development Services

Attachment

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Table 1
York Region Population by Area Municipality Jun 30 2006

	Current*	New – Jun. 2006**
Aurora	48,000	50,000
East Gwillimbury	22,000	23,000
Georgina	44,000	46,000
King	19,900	20,000
Markham	257,000	270,000
Newmarket	75,000	79,000
Richmond Hill	163,000	170,000
Vaughan	235,000	245,000
Whitchurch-Stouffville	24,500	26,000
York Region	890,000	935,000

* Current road sign population number

** Proposed road sign population number

Population figures are rounded