

September 29, 2006

Box Grove Community Association  
c/o Tom Farrar  
2 Ridgevale Drive  
Markham, ON  
L6B 1G3

**RE: Progress of the Box Grove By-pass**

Dear Mr. Farrar,

Further to your letter to the Mayor and Members of Council regarding the above, dated September 15, 2006, this is to advise that we recently met with the Box Grove developers to discuss this matter. We have been assured that every effort is being made by the Box Grove developers to make the Box Grove By-pass operational prior to the end of this year.

However, completion of the by-pass is subject to certain outstanding approvals by the Ministry of Transportation and 407/ETR as well as the relocation, by Power Stream, of several hydro poles from the By-Pass right-of-way. It is necessary to address both these matters within a short time frame in order to complete the By-Pass this year and staff are taking appropriate steps to achieve these goals.

If you have any further questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me at (905) 477-7000, ext. 7507.

Sincerely,



Alan Brown,  
Director of Engineering

Copy: Mayor and Members of Council  
Jim Baird, Commissioner of Development Services



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF MARKHAM

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**EXCERPT CONTAINING ITEM #0022 OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE OF MEETING  
NO.15 (Sep 18, 2006)**

**22. BOX GROVE COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION PROGRESS OF BOX GROVE BY-PASS  
(5.10)**

Moved by Regional Councillor J. Heath

Seconded by Councillor J. Virgilio

That the letter dated September 15, 2006, from Mr. T. Farrar, Chair, Box Grove Community Association, expressing concerns regarding the progress of the Box Grove By-pass be received and referred to the Commissioner, Development Services and Director, Engineering.

CARRIED

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## ***Box Grove Community Association***

REGISTERED RATE PAYERS ASSOCIATION & BOX GROVE COMMUNITY CENTRE BOARD  
c/o Tom Farrar, 2 Ridgevale Drive, Markham, ON L6B 1A8 (905) 202-5452 tom@blueline.ca

September 15, 2006

Mayor Donald Cousens and Council  
Town of Markham

via email to sbirrell@markham.ca

Re: Box Grove Bypass

I am writing to you regarding our concerns about the progress or more precisely what appears to be a lack of physical progress on the construction of the Box Grove Bypass.

I have been closely following the process towards the completion of the Bypass through contact with Council Members, Staff and the Developers. Each step was painfully slow but I kept being reassured that construction would be completed this year. It is now mid-September and construction has not started. Based on our usual weather expectations road construction does not occur after the end of November. Does that leave enough time for the bypass to be opened this year? We are concerned that it does not.

Are there any obstacles to the completion of the bypass construction? The last that I was made aware of were the acquisition of lands and approval by the 407ETR Group. Both of these obstacles were to be overcome and, in fact, the land deal was announced as completed. Is the Region and Provincial Government onside?

Box Grove is suffering under a very heavy car and truck traffic volume. This was further exasperated by the closing of Main Street to truck traffic before the Markham and Box Grove bypasses were opened.

An early response will be appreciated.

Yours truly,

***Box Grove Community Association***

Tom Farrar  
Chair