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POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE:

City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

J(9) Toronto/Markham Liaison Advisory Committee
Moved by Councillor Del Grande, seconded by Councillor Ainslie

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto and the Town of Markham share a long border along Steeles Avenue; and

WHEREAS there are numerous issues of mutual interest along Steeles Avenue where open lines of communication and co-operation at both the bureaucratic and political levels are likely to produce more favourable outcomes; and

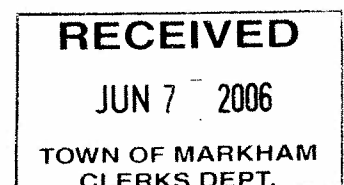
WHEREAS issues dealt with in adjacent municipalities, such as planning, transportation planning and construction, impact Toronto residents; and

WHEREAS there currently exists limited safeguards to ensure that the City of Toronto and its residents are given the opportunity to provide input into important issues in the Town of Markham that impact our City and vice versa; and

WHEREAS an informal meeting was held on Tuesday, May 16, 2006, between several City of Toronto Councillors and several Town of Markham Councillors to discuss the challenges with the status quo and alternatives for improving it; and

WHEREAS elected representatives from both municipalities recognize the need to maintain and enhance communication between and across Steeles Avenue;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto Council approve the establishment of a Toronto/Markham Liaison Advisory Committee as per the attached Terms of Reference and in accordance with Section 108 of the Toronto Municipal Code Council Procedural By-law."

Council also considered the following:

- Toronto/Markham Liaison Advisory Committee, Terms of Reference.


for City Clerk

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Attachment

- c. Town Clerk, Town of Markham ✓



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**Toronto/Markham Liaison Advisory Committee
Terms of Reference**

- (A) Purpose:
To advise the Mayor and City Council and to ensure open and productive lines of communication between the City of Toronto and the Town of Markham on issues of mutual interest.
- (B) Standing Committee Alignment:
The Advisory Committee will provide advice to the Mayor and Council through the Policy & Finance Committee and other standing committees as required.
- (C) Composition and Membership:
 - (1) The Advisory Committee will be composed of the Councillors from Wards 24, 33, 39, 40, 41 and 42. Composition will also include elected municipal representatives from the Town of Markham as deemed appropriate by Markham.
 - (2) The Advisory Committee will select a Chair from its membership.
 - (3) The members of the Advisory Committee will be confirmed by City Council at the start of each term of Council.
- (D) Term:
The Advisory Committee will be established for the remainder of the current term of Council and will be re-established for the 2004-2007 term of Council.
- (E) Rules and Procedures:
 - (1) The Committee is an advisory body to the Mayor and City Council.
 - (2) Any Committee recommendations that require implementation, reports or other actions by staff must first be considered by the appropriate standing committee and approved by City Council.
 - (3) Without limiting the range of issues on which to advise the Mayor and Council, the Committee will advise on all interjurisdictional issues between the City of Toronto and the Town of Markham deemed necessary by the Committee.
 - (4) The Committee will meet at the call of the Chair.
 - (5) Administrative support will be provided by the Town of Markham for the first year following establishment. In subsequent years, administrative support will be provided on an alternating annual basis.
 - (6) Policy-related support will be provided by the Deputy City Manager's Office and others at the discretion of the Deputy City Manager.