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May 15, 2006

Town of Markham Civic Centre 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3

SUBJECT:

Smoke-Free Ontario Act in Force May 31, 2006

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Markham

The Smoke-Free Ontario Act will come into force on May 31, 2006. This legislation prohibits smoking in all enclosed workplaces and enclosed public places in the province, including offices, restaurants, bars, schools, private clubs, sports arenas and entertainment venues. It includes a total ban on smoking in underground parking lots and in vehicles used for work purposes.

The government's goal is to reduce the impact of tobacco on our health and health care system through a smoke-free Ontario strategy.

The ORC and/or Ministries will arrange for the signage installation on their premises, in both owned and leased accommodation.

ORC wants to ensure that you are aware of the new legislation and what it means for government tenants/occupants of third-party owned buildings.

More information on the Smoke-Free Ontario legislation is available by visiting the Ministry of Health Promotion website at:

http://www.mhp.gov.on.ca/english/health/smoke free/default.asp

Tobacco use is the number one cause of preventable disease and death in Ontario, killing 16,000 Ontarians every year. On behalf of our Ministry clients and our owner, the Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal (PIR), we appreciate your support of government employee health and wellness, and thank you in advance for taking whatever steps necessary to comply with this legislation.

Sincerely,

Hubert Labelle

SVP Property Management & Client Service (A)

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