

*General Letter*

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September 13, 2006

File C03/GC06-14

Ms Sheila Birrell, Clerk
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.,
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Dear Ms Birrell:

**Re: Item 24 - Resolution From Councillor Gaertner
Re: The York Centre for Children, Youth and Families**

Please be advised that the following recommendation from the General Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, September 5, 2006 was adopted by Council at its meeting held on Tuesday, September 12, 2006:

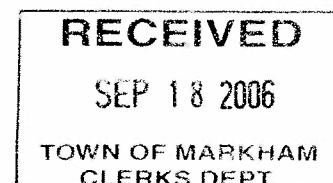
WHEREAS the Ontario Children's Health Study reported that one in five Ontarians under the age of 19 has a mental health disorder; and

WHEREAS The York Children's Centre has provided, free of charge for the last 20 years, a range of therapeutic treatment and intervention services for 1500 children, youth and their families who are experiencing social, emotional, behavioural or mental health problems; and

WHEREAS additional accommodations are urgently required to meet the expanding demand for children's mental health services as the population of York Region grows at an extremely rapid rate; and

WHEREAS an accreditation team in June 2003 found that "these facilities are below the quality found in most Children's Mental Health Centres and create unnecessarily difficult conditions for staff and clients"; and

WHEREAS an expanded, consolidated and improved building on the Leslie Street site will increase capacity to serve more children and youth, provide shorter wait times for services, increase inter-agency collaboration and partnership capability and result in an enhanced continuum of community-based services; and



THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora implores the Minister of Children and Youth Services, the Honourable Maryann Chambers, to grant the funding requested by the York Centre for Children, Youth and Families; and

THAT this motion be forwarded to the other York Region Municipalities for their endorsement; and

THAT a copy of this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Greg Sorbara and Premier Dalton McGuinty.

The above is for your information and any attention deemed necessary.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Panizza', with a stylized, cursive script.

B. Panizza
Director of Corporate Services/
Town Clerk

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