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**File C03/06-24**

September 18, 2006

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

**Re: York Region Food Network**

Please be advised that this matter was considered by Council at its meeting held on September 12, 2006. In this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the York Region Food Network statistics show a 38% increase in food bank use between 2001 and 2005; and

WHEREAS families with children are a major beneficiary of food bank services; and

WHEREAS use by seniors has almost doubled since 2001; and

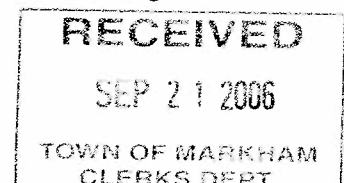
WHEREAS there are many additional agencies in York Region providing emergency food assistance; and

WHEREAS there are many more people having difficulty accessing food, going hungry or at risk of going hungry than can be estimated using food bank statistics; and

WHEREAS Municipalities have the responsibility to protect the health and well-being of their citizens;

BE IT NOW RESOLVED THAT the Town of Aurora urges the Provincial Government, ***in the immediate term***, to commit money to support food security programs for the purpose of defeating hunger; and

THAT the Provincial Government provide desperately needed affordable housing, funds to maintain existing affordable housing, new money that doesn't involve claw backs from current programs and a sustainable Provincial minimum wage; and



THAT this resolution be forwarded to the other York Region Municipalities and the Association of Municipalities in Ontario (AMO) for their endorsement.

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

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'B. Panizza', written in a cursive style.

B. Panizza  
Director of Corporate Services/Town Clerk

BP/cc