



June 23, 2006

Mayor Donald Cousens  
Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd  
Markham, ON  
L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor,

The Canadian Sport Centre Ontario (CSCO) is proposing to establish and operate the Canadian Sport Institute Ontario (CSIO), a major multi-sport training and competition facility in Markham Centre. The complex will include world class training facilities, an international competition venue, accommodation services for visiting athletes, office facilities for sport organizations, and will provide the highest level of expertise in coaching, sport science and sport medicine.

The CSIO will be ideally located to serve the large and growing community in Markham, York Region as well as communities across the Greater Toronto Area. It will also establish close links with sports organizations throughout Ontario.

At the CSIO, a "culture of excellence" will be fostered through the encouragement of grassroots sports participation; the development and training of promising provincial, national and international athletes; and by hosting provincial, national, and international competitions in a state-of-the-art facility. The proposed facility will include an Aquatic Centre, Field house, Competition Venue and Community Arenas, Training Centre, Office Tower and Residences and Parking.

I request that The Town of Markham review the Capital Cost Estimate and Operating Proforma provided to determine Markham's level of interest and participation.

After reviewing several sites, the CSCO has determined that Markham Centre best achieves its strategic goals. Markham Centre is to be a major new urban area comprised of vibrant commercial, residential and leisure-time facilities. It is ideally positioned between the 407 and Hwy 7 with easy access to Go Transit, serviced by York Region's new advanced VIVA bus system and a network of new connecting roads. Markham Centre is convenient to out of Town guests as it has several major hotels nearby and is within reach of Pearson and Buttonville Airports. The CSIO will work in partnership with the innovative York Region sports high school and the new YMCA.

If you have any questions, I can be reached at (416) 601 – 7642. You can also contact Debbie Low in our office at (416) 426 – 7184.

Yours truly,

Doug Hamilton  
Chair  
Canadian Sport Centre Ontario