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Mr. Brian Rosborough, Director of Policy Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) 393 University Ave., Suite 1701 Toronto, ON M5G 1E6 RECEIVED

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TOWN OF MARKHAM
CLERKS DEPT.

Dear Mr. Rosborough:

Re: Provincial Announcement on a Four Year Term of Council

Please be advised that this matter was heard by Council at its meeting held on March 28, 2006. In this regard, Council adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Premier of Ontario Dalton McGuinty recently announced that the term of office for municipal councils in Ontario will be extended to 4 years starting with the next municipal elections;

AND WHEREAS this announcement was made without due consideration of notice to the citizens of Aurora and Ontario and only to some of the elected councillors and trustees and their respective bodies such as the AMO;

AND WHEREAS the municipal elected official is the closest elected level which the citizens of Aurora and Ontario make contact and have ease of communication;

AND WHEREAS this office is also the political level which attracts thousands of newcomers to the political life every 3 years which helps regenerate the villages, town and cities across Ontario;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Honourable Premier Dalton McGuinty and the Government of Ontario be advised that the Council of the Town of Aurora opposes the announcement to change the term of office of municipal councils to a four year term;

AND FURTHER THAT the Premier be requested to conduct a referendum in all municipalities in Ontario in the forthcoming municipal elections to determine if the citizens of Ontario are in favour of a four year term of office for municipal councils before the legislation is enacted by the Province; and

THAT this resolution be circulated to AMO and other York Region municipalities.

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

Yours truly

B. Panizza

Director of Corporate Services/

Town Clerk

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