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TOWN OF MARKHAM, MARKHAM, ONT.,

November 18th, 2007

RE: WIDENING 16TH AVENUE

ATT: MAYOR FRANK SCARPITTI, DEPUTY MAYOR JONES, REGIONAL COUNCILORS GORD LANDON, JACK HEATH AND COUNCILOR WONG

Dear Frank, Gord, Jack, D. Mayor Jones, and Councillor Wong,

As Frank knows, we are now living at Swan Lake, and everyone we have spoken with here is horrified at the idea of 16th Avenue being altered!!!! For an 'ordinary road' it is "extraordinary" - with its lovely trees and peaceful 'green' ambiance it is an environmental gem at a time when we need all the beautiful trees and greenery that Mother Nature provides and that the developers have left us in a suburban setting. Other than the Main Streets of Markham and Unionville, it is the one street we drive our out of town guests along, when we have visitors from overseas or elsewhere!

Every time we have to leave Markham to drive into Scarborough or Toronto, we are so thankful when we return and reach 16th Ave, we always remark, "Oh how lovely to be back here again!" Please, please don't ruin it!!! It would be a crime against the residents and the <u>environment</u>.

If any road in the vacinity needs to be widened it should be Major Mackenzie, that at least would make sense, south of that, there are already the 407 and Hwy 7, so another "widened" road is not needed on 16th Ave.

It was great to see you again Frank, at the Swan Lake 10th birthday celebration, and Gord, it was fantastic to read in the paper that your health is now better and you were once again able to be elected to Council.

We look forward to you all working to protect our interests and preserve both our neighbourhood and our environment.

As the scientist who heads the UN climate change panel said,"What we do in the next two to three years will determine our future. This is the defining moment."

Yours truly,

Dayle and George Rasmussen

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Clerk's Office, York Region

Clerk's Office, Town of Markham Clerk's Office, Town of Richmond Hill

Petition regarding 16th Avenue Widening

We, the undersigned, object to the expansion of 16th Avenue to 6 lanes between Yonge Street and Highway 48 in the Towns of Markham and Richmond Hill on the grounds that it will greatly deteriorate public quality of life, damage some property values, will cause environmental impairment and will threaten public health and safety.

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