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1 Franklin Street  
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Dear Ms. Birrell;

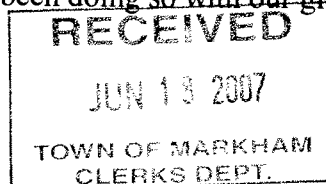
Last year I was making calls to your dept. regarding the intention of the Markham Towne Quilters Guild to submit our request for a designation of a town bird. As you know there is the Black-Eyed Susan for our flower, and the Bur Oak as our town tree. Since we are in the process of designing a banner for our guild we thought it would add colour and interest if we could also incorporate a bird.

We understand that there is an expectation from your office for information on the guild, as well as the "what and why" of our choice when we do make that submission. I will include some information here however, feel free to contact me if you would like something more. (905) 294-5812

Our guild came into being in October of 2005. It consists of a capped membership of 60 members, as we liked the idea of getting to know one another as a community. We don't exclude anyone though as we are all welcome to bring a guest. We first met together in the heritage church of the Markham Museum. Since then we have also had two quilt showings there during Applefest in the fall. During 2006/07 we have had our meetings @ the refurbished Go train station on Main Street. We have enjoyed our meetings every first Thursday of each month from Oct.-May. They usually consist of a mixture of demonstrations, tips, sales, speakers, show & tells and inspirational workshops. Some afternoon get-togethers involve making quilts for presentation to individuals @ Markham Stouffville Hospital, The Pregnancy Center, and our troops. We have also presented the Markham Museum with a beautiful quilt being displayed in the heritage church called "Pineapplefest" made by at least 40 participants of the guild.

After a study of many birds seen in the area, the executive voted on one very special and inspiring bird, i.e. the Ruby throated hummingbird to represent our guild & in fact the town as a whole.

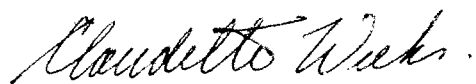
Our reasons are that first of all it is beautiful, colourful and regularly seen and admired in our gardens. We understand that the hummingbird illustrates flexibility by conserving its time and energy to complete priorities, something every quilter and mother relates personally to, and we all admire people who excel in this character trait. A hummingbird travels twice each year from southern Canada to as far as Panama, which of course is a major task, which if it wasted its resources would prove disastrous. This three and one half inch, feathered creature can regulate its energies to allow it to accomplish the remarkable feat of flying five hundred long miles - non-stop. We like the symbolism of such a fragile cheerful, (humming) energetic creature representing not only our guild but also the people of our town. We all desire to energetically conserve the beauties of our environment for future generations. We have been doing so with our gifts/talents, and



others can through theirs. May we all undertake difficult feats with resourcefulness, energy and cheerfulness as we care for our families, our homes and our community. May we, like the hummingbird learn to regulate our energies with balance and success year after year.

We trust this is adequate for your purposes. Thank you for considering our proposal.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Claudette Weeks".

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For Markham Towne Quilters Guild

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