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Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham Town Clerk Town of Markham 101 Town Centre Boulevard Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

Thank you for your letter in support of the Town of Richmond Hill's efforts to protect the cultural heritage value of the David Dunlap Observatory site.

I applaud the efforts that the Town of Richmond Hill has made in designating the property under the Ontario Heritage Act. I appreciate the Town of Markham's interest in it.

I understand that the Town of Richmond Hill intends to move forward with a Planning and Conservation Management Study for the property. Once completed, this study will assist all parties in managing and conserving the site's cultural heritage significance. My staff have offered to assist Richmond Hill in this undertaking through the Ministry's advisory services.

If your staff require assistance or have questions about the Ontario Heritage Act, please do not hesitate to have them contact Ms. Tamara Anson-Cartwright, Heritage Advisor in my Ministry, at (416) 314-7133, or by e-mail at tamara.ansoncartwright@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for your letter and for your interest in protecting Ontario's cultural heritage resources.

Yours truly.

M. Aileen Carroll

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Ms. Tamara Anson-Cartwright, Heritage Advisor

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