



May 15, 2019

Mr. Christopher Raynor, Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario L3Y 6Z1

Dear Mr. Raynor,

**Re: Richmond Hill Resolution - Member Motion submitted by Mayor Barrow –
Province's Regional Governance Review**

Richmond Hill City Council, at its meeting held on May 14, 2019, adopted the following resolution:

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AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Premier, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Richmond Hill Members of Provincial Parliament, Chairman of the Region of York, The Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the eight other Municipalities in the Region of York.

Please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed resolution for your records.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (905) 771-2529.

Yours sincerely,



Stephen M.A. Huycke
Director of Legislative Services/City Clerk

Attachment

**Extract from Council Meeting
C#22-19 held May 14, 2019
Confirmatory By-law 76-19**

14. Other Business

14.1 Mayor Barrow - Province's Regional Governance Review - (CW Item 12.1)

Moved by: Councillor West
Seconded by: Mayor Barrow

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Carried