

February 25, 2025

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Town of Aurora
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Attention: Michael De Rond, Town Clerk

Dear Mr. De Rond:

RE: Proposed Motion, Aurora Men’s Emergency and Transitional Housing Site

York Region staff have reviewed the proposed motion to be considered at Aurora Town Council on February 25, 2025, including a potential request for the Region to resubmit its application for a men’s emergency and transitional housing facility at 14452 Yonge Street, Town of Aurora. As a result of this review, we offer the following updates and information.

The proposed motion references work by Aurora Town staff to identify three potential viable sites for this type of housing. Regional staff have been advancing a Region-wide site selection process for potential emergency and transitional housing facility sites. Results of this work will be reported to Regional Council in Q2 2025.

[York Regional Council](#) does not support any action before the Ontario Land Tribunal regarding the Region’s Zoning Bylaw Amendment Application for the proposed men’s emergency and transitional housing building at 14452 Yonge Street in the Town of Aurora. As a result, the Regional Municipality of York did not appeal the February 2024 decision by Aurora Town Council and is moving forward expeditiously to identify alternative emergency and transitional housing sites. Regional staff have no authority to consider the former proposed site at 14452 Yonge Street or to pursue an appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

A comprehensive Region-wide site selection process is underway. Regional staff are evaluating sites that address the acknowledged critical need for emergency and transitional housing. Once these potential sites are identified, York Region will work with local municipal partners to align development of these proposed facilities with local planning policies and community input.

In summary, in Q2 2025, staff are presenting Regional Council with results of a Region-wide site selection process. This assessment will include an evaluation of Regionally owned land combined

with an analysis of privately owned properties available for acquisition that are identified as appropriate for potential emergency and transitional housing.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dan Kuzmyk", with a stylized flourish.

Dan Kuzmyk
Regional Solicitor and General Counsel