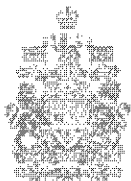


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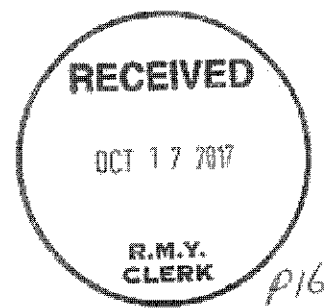


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Mr. Christopher Raynor  
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The Regional Municipality of York  
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Dear Mr. Raynor:

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 2017, about the Council's recent adoption of the "2016 Greening Strategy Achievements and Partnership Agreements."

As the federal Minister responsible for forests, I am pleased when communities take steps to implement green infrastructure plans that improve the quality of life for residents, especially plans that enhance the urban forest canopy. The Government of Canada is dedicated to adapting to, and mitigating the effects of, a changing climate through federal efforts in green infrastructure and the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. This responsibility crosses all jurisdictions, and the work being carried out in the Regional Municipality of York contributes to the common goal of building healthier environments for all Canadians.

Your regional municipality has shown great initiative in developing strong relationships with Ontario Streams, the Evergreen Foundation, and the District School Boards. Through your investments and efforts, it is not surprising that goals have been surpassed with great progress toward enhancing the quality of life for residents in the York Region.

I sincerely hope that you will continue to keep me apprised of any further developments and ongoing achievements as you build on the 2016 Greening Strategy and take on new initiatives. Leading by example, your efforts may inspire other municipalities and act as a catalyst for new partnerships and innovative activities that benefit Canadians from coast to coast to coast.

Again, thank you for writing.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable Jim Carr, P.C., M.P.

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Minister of Environment and Climate Change

