



Corporate Services Department  
Office of the Commissioner

## Memorandum

TO: Regional Chair and Members of Council  
FROM: Dino Basso, Commissioner of Corporate Services  
DATE: November 19, 2015  
RE: Urban and Region Information Systems Association  
Exemplary Systems in Government Award

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The purpose of this memo is to advise the Regional Chair and Members of Council that York Region has recently won the “Exemplary Systems in Government – Enterprise GIS” award from the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA). The award is considered the most prestigious recognition available in the field of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and was presented in September at their annual conference.

York Region has received numerous other awards for GIS from local Ontario industry associations and software vendors over the past few years. This is the first time York Region has been recognized for GIS by an international organization. The award recognizes excellence in the extent to which GIS is used by staff across the organization to support program and service delivery. The submission detailed how GIS was used to enable partners, citizens and staff to access and use information quickly and efficiently. The work of the YorkInfo Partnership (the nine local municipalities, the school boards, the conservation authorities and the Region) was central to winning the award.

URISA is an international, independent, not-for-profit organization established in 1966 with 2200 members from 20 countries. The mandate of URISA is to enhance collaboration and support the ethical and effective use of geospatial technology to improve the quality of life in urban and regional environments. URISA members represent local, regional, state/provincial, tribal and federal government, academia, the private sector, and non-profit organizations.

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Dino Basso, Commissioner

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