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Mayor Tom Mrakas

## **Mayor Mrakas' Response to Provincial Announcement Regarding Regional Government Review**

**Aurora, ON** – This morning, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steven Clark, publicly announced that the province will not force amalgamations on municipalities. This is good news for our governments and for our communities. This announcement comes following an extensive municipal government review, which included more than 8,500 submissions from members of the public and countless meetings with representatives, including myself, from dozens of municipalities.

Here in York Region our municipalities work well together with the shared vision of delivering the most efficient and effective services to our residents and business. We are committed to working with each other and with our communities to identify cost savings and eliminate red tape.

Municipal governments are at the frontline of service-delivery to our community. Each and every day we work hand-in-hand with our residents to ensure that we deliver the best programs and services at the lowest cost to our taxpayers. We continue to be interested in modernization and are dedicated to collaboration and ongoing improvement.

The announcement from the province makes it clear that local communities should decide what's best for them in terms of governance, decision-making and service delivery. I wholeheartedly agree. Our community knows what's best. We are grateful for the support of the province in supporting local-decision making and I look forward to moving forward and getting things done here in Aurora.

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