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Mr. Martin DeRond, Clerk
Town of Ajax,
65 Harwood Avenue South
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To the Governing Municipal Body:

RE: THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A COMMUNITY NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

"Imagination Northwest Neighbourhood Watch, Ajax"

Through the implementation of Crime Prevention Programs, dedicated community volunteers work with police to help reduce crime in their communities. One such "Citizen Involved" Crime Prevention Program is Neighbourhood Watch. It is a program which employs an elegantly simple technique of "neighbours looking out for neighbours" to reduce threats of crime against potential victims.

This letter is to introduce you to a group of concerned citizens who want to get involved in such a program. Through persistence, devotion and hard work, these people have made an honourable effort to form a Neighbourhood Watch within their community. They have met all criteria as set out in the Durham Regional Police Service "Neighbourhood Watch Guidelines" and have received a commitment from their fellow neighbours of at least 75% participation. Moreover, over 100 households in this tight-knit community have already been fully trained in Neighbourhood Watch principles, and the others are to be trained over the coming weeks. In so doing, the members of this community are demonstrating their understanding that Crime Prevention is not just a job for a few professionals. Rather, the attitude and involvement of these citizens proves their genuine concern to work together to make our community a better place to live.

The Durham Regional Police Service endorses this new organization as an official Community Neighbourhood Watch. It is recommended that they be granted permission to erect approved Neighbourhood Watch signs in their area as a crime deterrent. A map outlining potential sign locations will be forwarded to the Operations Centre for reference.

Yours in crime prevention and safety,

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Regional Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator

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