



June 9, 2003

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Re: Errol Lee

Errol has been very much involved in modeling his lifestyle and using his music to promote character development in young people. The Town of Markham has been actively involved for a number of years in developing a "Character Community". Errol has been working with the York Region Board of Education on "Character Matters" and "Cultural Diversity". He delivers his message on character development by using music and dance to reach out to young people.

At our "Black History Month" celebration in February, Errol Lee was our guest speaker and I was most impressed with his presentation. Then in May, during our Youth Week celebration, he was our motivational speaker for a program entitled "Life...The Great Balancing Act." His mission is to create a positive impact on youth that they can follow through on. His belief is that music makes people feel good about life and about themselves. The feedback I have received from the young people that attended his workshop has been incredible!

I have no hesitation in recognizing Errol Lee as an accomplished motivational speaker who has taken a leadership role in our community. His personal initiative has set him apart and he has been an inspiration to Markham's youth and in our efforts to develop a Character Community. I have enjoyed working with him in these endeavours and look forward to his continuing assistance on our road to becoming a "Community of Character" and in making Markham a great place for our youth.

Yours sincerely,

W. Donald Cousens

Mayor

