

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 1
OF THE REGIONAL COMMISSIONER OF COMMUNITY SERVICES AND HOUSING**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on May 24, 2001**

1**AMENDMENTS TO BOARD COMPOSITION****1. RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council, as shareholder of the York Regional Housing Corporation ratify the resolution of the Board of Directors passed on May 3, 2001, that the Board shall be comprised of seven (7) Directors.
2. The Board of Directors be the same membership as the Community Services and Housing Committee, namely Mayors J. Holec and T. Taylor, Regional Councillors J. Frustaglio, B. Hogg, B. O'Donnell and T. Wong, and Regional Chair. B. Fisch.
3. Staff be authorized to do all things necessary to give effect thereto.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to put before Regional Council, as shareholder of the York Regional Housing Corporation, the opportunity to ratify the decision of the Corporation's Board of Directors. The Board passed a special resolution at its meeting on May 3, 2001, to change the number on the Board to seven in order to make it the same number as the Region's Community Services and Housing Committee. In doing so, the same membership can sit on both.

3. BACKGROUND

The province is proceeding with the transfer of Social Housing responsibility to the Region of York, beginning with the transfer of Public Housing, which occurred January 1, 2001. This has resulted in three entities within York Region being responsible for housing services: the Region of York – Community Services and Housing Department, the Region of York Housing Corporation and the York Regional Housing Corporation (formerly the York Regional Housing Authority).

York Region's strategy has been to streamline both the management and the governance structures to integrate operations into the Community Services and Housing Department. At present, it is necessary to retain the two separate corporations until such time as all of the property and transitional issues are resolved and appropriate decisions can be made as to the long-term governance structure.

The next step in the integration process is to bring the membership of the York Regional Housing Corporation and the Region of York Housing Corporation into congruence with the membership of the Community Services and Housing Committee. Having parallel or identical boards will allow for streamlined administration while respecting the separate corporate nature and responsibilities of each entity. This will ensure continuity and consistency in decision making, and effective communication across the full spectrum of housing responsibilities.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Governance

Reports have been presented to both Housing Corporation Boards to align their membership. In the case of the York Regional Housing Corporation, the Business Corporation Act requires that the shareholder approve a special resolution to support the necessary changes. The shareholder of the York Regional Housing Corporation is the Region of York represented by Regional Council.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The proposed revisions are not anticipated to have any financial impact.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Improved co-ordination and streamlining of the administration of social housing will result in improved service across the Region.

7. CONCLUSION

The implementation of the suggested changes in governance and administrative structures completes the next stage in the implementation of the Region's strategy to fully integrate Social Housing into the Community Services and Housing Department.

Respectfully submitted,

**Undated
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