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The Regional Municipality of York hires new Commissioner of Finance

Bill Hughes brings wealth of public service to Regional Treasurer role

NEWMARKET – The Regional Municipality of York today announced the appointment of Bill Hughes as its new York Region Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer.

The position is effective June 13, 2011.

Mr. Hughes succeeds Lloyd Russell, who is retiring from the position following five-plus years at the Region and 37 years of service within the public sector.

“On behalf of York Regional Council, I am very pleased to welcome Bill to York Region in the role of Commissioner of Finance and Regional Treasurer,” said York Region Chairman and CEO Bill Fisch. “His strong background in capital planning, strategy and economic policy during a distinguished career with the Government of Ontario makes him an excellent choice for this very important and demanding position.”



Mr. Hughes joins York Region following an impressive 22-year career with the provincial government in a variety of challenging and progressive portfolios that included Assistant Deputy Minister of Infrastructure, Policy and Planning since 2007. During his tenure as Assistant Deputy Minister, Mr. Hughes was responsible for the Province of Ontario’s capital budget and Ten-Year Infrastructure Plan.

Additionally, Mr. Hughes served in a several roles, including:

- Director of Infrastructure Strategies, Ontario Ministry of Infrastructure Renewal, Ministry of Finance from 2000 to 2007
- Manager of Regional Economics and Innovation Policy, Office of Economic Policy, Ministry of Finance from 1991-2000
- Manager of Policy Development, Industrial and Technology Policy Branch, Ministry of Economic Development, Trade and Technology from 1989-1991
- Senior Economist, Strategic Planning Secretariat, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Technology from 1987 to 1989

Mr. Hughes holds a Master of Business Administration degree and a Master of Environmental Studies degree from York University, as well as a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Toronto. He also holds executive designations from the Rotman School of Business at the University of Toronto.

“Bill Hughes brings excellent credentials to The Regional Municipality of York through an impressive public service career spanning multiple disciplines,” said York Region Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Macgregor. “His wealth of experience and diverse skills will be a tremendous asset to our senior management team and a benefit to our corporation and community.”

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