

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Housing York Inc.
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Report of the
General Manager

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY ENERGY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Housing York Inc. (HYI) delegate to The Regional Municipality of York the authority to make application on the corporation's behalf to potential funders for energy management initiatives that support HYI's Energy Management Strategy.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to put in place authority for the Region to make application for funding on behalf of HYI in order to take advantage of economies and synergies of working together.

3. BACKGROUND

In September 2005, the Board approved the development of an Energy Management Strategy to support the reduction of HYI's overall energy consumption. At that time, authority was granted to make application to potential funders, where opportunities existed, to offset the cost of initiatives to be taken under this strategy. This authority extended to applications in HYI's name only.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

New opportunities to fund energy initiatives are emerging from a variety of sources and staff are working together with the Region to identify opportunities. As this work has progressed, it has become apparent that there may be advantages to having HYI be a sub-applicant to the Region, in some instances.

For example, staff are currently developing a response to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Municipal Fund Energy Request for Proposal (RFP) that would be led by the Region, but could include HYI facilities.

In such instances, there would be a benefit to delegating to the Region the ability to act on behalf of HYI. It is therefore proposed that a delegation of authority be provided to the Region for the purpose of applying for energy management funding and entering into any related agreements.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

It is anticipated that successful grant applications will reduce the overall costs to HYI for implementing energy management initiatives.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Maximizing synergies between the Region and HYI initiatives will reduce pressure on utilities and contribute to local efforts on the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions. Controlling costs in the housing program ensures that financial impacts are minimized.

7. CONCLUSION

The approval of this new authority will support the integration of energy management initiatives between HYI and the Region, maximizing and streamlining funding opportunities.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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