



Planning and Development Services
Long Range and Strategic Planning

MEMORANDUM

TO: Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

DATE: March 5, 2008

RE: **Climate Change Workshop**

The Climate Change Workshop and Discussion Paper was provided to you on the January 16, 2008 Planning and Economic Development Committee agenda. The purpose of the Workshop is to begin a discussion with staff of the area municipalities, various agencies and the Region on the potential impacts of Climate Change. The exploration of Climate Change impacts is being undertaken as part of the recently adopted Sustainability Strategy.

The Region's Climate Change Workshop has been scheduled for April 25th and will be held at the Earth Rangers Centre in Woodbridge.

The Workshop will explore potential impacts of Climate Change on our:

- Water and Wastewater Systems
- Transportation Systems
- Energy Systems
- Public Health and Health Care Systems
- Emergency Response Capabilities.

It is hoped that discussion by our partners including our Area Municipal staff, utilities, Conservation Authorities, Provincial representatives, emergency responders, hospital and school board representatives and regional staff will raise awareness of Climate Change Impacts. Feedback will also help identify adaptation strategies so that we might become a more resilient Region.

A staff report will be prepared for Council on what was heard at the Workshop.

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