



## Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board

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Mr. Denis Kelly  
Regional Clerk  
The Regional Municipality of York  
17250 Yonge Street  
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

At its meeting on January 27, 2010, the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board received the attached report from Chief Armand P. La Barge entitled *Proposal to Implement Fire Mobile Workstations with Fire Departments* and subsequently approved the following five recommendations:

1. That the Board approve the provision of Mobile Workstation services to municipal fire services located within the Regional Municipality of York on the basis of full cost recovery by York Regional Police; and
2. That the Board approve the commencement of negotiations with the Town of Richmond Hill Fire Department and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services for the implementation and ongoing support of Mobile Workstation infrastructure and software by York Regional Police; and
3. That the Board authorize the Chair, subject to approval by Legal Services, to sign an agreement for the implementation and ongoing support of Mobile Workstation infrastructure and software by York Regional Police; and
4. That the Board approve an amendment to the 2010 Capital Budget for the Fire MWS project totaling \$701,000 to be fully externally funded and cost recovered from municipal fire services; and
5. That the Board forward the 2010 Capital Budget amendment to Regional Council through the Finance and Administration Committee.

Therefore, on behalf of the Board, I request that you forward the *Proposal to Implement Fire Mobile Workstations with Fire Departments* to Regional Council through the Finance and Administration Committee.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'mav', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

Mafalda Avellino  
Executive Director

Attachment



Chief of Police  
Armand P. La Barge

# York Regional Police

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## THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

### REPORT OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

27 JANUARY 2010

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#### Proposal to Implement Fire Mobile Workstations with Fire Departments

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#### RECOMMENDATIONS

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#### SYNOPSIS

York Regional Police operates a shared police and fire Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) which is capable of supporting Mobile Workstations (MWS) for fire services. On May 28, 2008, the Board approved a project wherein York Regional Police would extend their Versaterm system to provide a hosted Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system for Richmond Hill Fire Department and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services. This project consists of the same computer

infrastructure being used to support both police and fire dispatching as a cost saving and resource sharing measure. The system went live for fire on January 19, 2009 and is working successfully. The Richmond Hill Fire Department and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services have indicated a desire to proceed with the next phase in the Fire CAD project to implement a MWS system. This system would support Richmond Hill Fire Department, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services, Central York Fire Services and Stouffville Fire Services. Central York Fire Services and Stouffville Fire Services, as of January 1, 2010, are both clients of the Richmond Hill Fire Department. The implementation of MWS for fire services would be at no cost to York Regional Police.

## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

The provision of Fire MWS services would be based upon total cost recovery. The purchase of applicable software, hardware and communication services required for the implementation of the Fire MWS application would be made by York Regional Police, but would be fully financed by Richmond Hill Fire Service, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services and their fire service partners at the time of implementation. Likewise, the cost of providing ongoing support would be calculated annually, split between the fire services and paid directly to York Regional Police. The following example of cost has been calculated, which represents the total payable to York Regional Police and is inclusive of all taxes.

Two Fire Services – 32 MWS's

Implementation - \$551,539

Annual Support - \$148,910

The cost of Annual Support is based upon annual Versaterm software maintenance fees, hardware ever-greening and the effort of one York Regional Police full-time equivalent staff member.

Section 5.2 of By-Law 11-06 states "No contract shall be entered into and no expenditure shall be authorized or incurred unless funds have been provided for such purposes in an annual budget or the Board has agreed to the provision of such funds and no expenditure shall be authorized or incurred in excess of the funds provided, unless further authorized by the Board." As a result, the Board is requested to amend the 2010 Capital Budget for the Fire MWS project totaling \$701,000 and forward the 2010 Capital Budget amendment to Regional Council through the Finance and Administration Committee.

## **BACKGROUND**

As the Board is aware on May 28, 2008, it was approved that York Regional Police operate a shared Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system with Richmond Hill Fire Department and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services as clients. This CAD system was developed by Versaterm and is capable of supporting Fire Mobile Workstations and has been running successfully in production since January 2009.

The Richmond Hill Fire Department and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services have indicated a desire to extend their existing use of the CAD system to include a fire MWS system and have proposed that York Regional Police provide these services. The implementation of fire MWS would provide enhanced call information, mapping and GPS vehicle location and routing

capabilities to the fire services. A similar arrangement is being piloted by the Ottawa Police Service and the Ottawa Fire Services.

Due to security requirements, the existing police CAD and MWS infrastructure would continue to be fully controlled and serviced by York Regional Police staff. The implementation of fire MWS would be subject to the successful negotiation of an agreement between the Board, the Town of Richmond Hill Fire Department, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services and a system security approval by the RCMP.

The advantages of hosting MWS services for the fire services would be enhanced safety through the provision of expedited call information, mapping and GPS capabilities to assist in getting the closest fire apparatus to the scene. The fire MWS implementation would lay the foundation for the ability to have a coordinated police and fire response to large scale events in the future.

The proposed implementation of Fire MWS would be fully funded by the fire services and at no cost to the Board.



Armand P. La Barge, O.O.M.  
Chief of Police

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