



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Planning & Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan W. Tuckey, Commissioner of Planning and Development Services

DATE: January 7, 2009

RE: **Aging Workforce Study Program Approved**

I am pleased to advise the Planning & Economic Development Committee that the Ontario Ministry of Training Colleges & Universities has approved the York Region funding application to conduct the Aging Workforce Study Program. Regional Council approved the project on October 23rd based on securing the provincial funding. The project was approved for \$517,946.00 which provides for 100% of the operating costs associated with this project over the next 18 months.

The proposed Aging Workforce Study Program would research labour market data domestically and international, identify best practices in mitigating labour supply issues, consult with key employers, survey workers, present findings in workshops, conduct consultations and develop a pilot initiative with select employers to develop an action plan. A series of reports would be prepared for Planning & Economic Development Committee and Regional Council including key milestones during the project and a final summary.

Key next steps will be to recruit the two contract project staff members, finalize the services contract with MTCU and commence phase 1 which includes the background research. It is anticipated that the first report to for Planning & Economic Development Committee will be presented in May 2009.

For further information, please contact Patrick Draper, Director Economic Strategy & Tourism at (905) 830 4444 ext 1503.

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