

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

Housing York Inc.
November 12, 2008
Report of the
Treasurer

INTERIM SPENDING AUTHORITY

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. The Board of Directors approve a policy for annual interim appropriations for funding of Housing York Inc.'s operating and capital expenditures up to an aggregate of 50% of the prior year's approved budget.

2. PURPOSE

This report is to request Board approval of annual interim appropriations to fund budget related items, prior to the completion of the review and adoption of the annual business plan and budget.

3. BACKGROUND

Typically in December of each year the Board of Directors is presented with the annual Business Plan and Budget for the forthcoming fiscal year. Housing York Inc. funding is based on legislative framework from the Province's *Social Housing Reform Act, 2000* and budget preparation relies on receiving indices from the Province annually. On occasion the indices are not available in sufficient time to prepare the budget for the December Board meeting. Therefore, when these circumstances occur, Housing York Inc. requires approval for an interim appropriation of funding to continue operations.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Establish a policy providing approval to spend up to 50% of the prior year's approved budget

Prior to Housing York Inc.'s annual Business Plan and Budget being considered for the approval by the Board, the General Manager requires the authority to make payments for ongoing Housing York Inc. operations, commencing January 1st, of each year. This

authority is normally provided by means of an interim appropriation for operations that would not exceed approximately 50% of its prior year's expenditures.

Establishing a policy to provide annual interim appropriation authority will ensure essential services will be maintained for Housing York Inc. tenants.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

To illustrate the implications, *Table 1* identifies the 2008 budgeted expenditure for operations and capital and the recommended interim appropriation for 2009 which totals \$11,444,000. This represents 50% of the Board's total expenditure budget for operating purposes for fiscal 2009.

Table 1
2009 Interim Appropriations
(In 000's)

Expenditures	2008 Budget	2009 Interim Appropriation
Operating Expenditures	\$20,040	\$10,020
Public Housing Capital	1,364	682
Total Operating Expenditures	21,404	10,702
Capital Reserve		
Provincial Reform	1,478	739
Regional Program	5	3
Blue Door Shelters	-	-
Total Capital Expenditures	1,483	742
Total Budget	\$22,887	\$11,444

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

Housing York Inc. tenants live in all nine local municipalities in York Region. Ensuring services are maintained is essential to providing safe and affordable housing and enabling households to remain in a stable housing environment.

7. CONCLUSION

This report recommends approving a policy of annually providing interim appropriation for funding operating and capital expenditures while the annual Business Plan and Budget are being considered for approval.

For more information on this report, please contact Sylvia Patterson, Assistant General Manager, at Ext. 2091.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

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