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Report No. 2 of the Fire Services Advisory Committee

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 2
OF THE REGIONAL
FIRE SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON MARCH 8, 2000**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on March 30, 2000**

Chair: Mayor Wayne Emmerson

Members: Mayor Tom Taylor, Vice-Chair
Mayor Margaret Black
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Mayor Tim Jones
Regional Councillor Janet Mabley
Mayor Jim Mortson
Regional Councillor Frank Scarpitti
Regional Chair Bill Fisch, ex-officio

Staff Present: P. Carlyle, S. Cartwright, G. Lysenko, J. Molyneaux, A. Wells and J. Williams

Other Attendees: Superintendent B. Herridge, York Regional Police

The Fire Services Advisory Committee began its meeting at 9.02 a.m. on March 8, 2000.

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CENTRAL FIRE DISPATCH

The Fire Services Advisory Committee recommends the adoption of the following report, March 7, 2000, from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. This report be received for information.
2. That Regional Council support the use of the Regional GIS system for the purpose of providing data for a central fire dispatch system.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to bring the Committee up to date regarding the results of discussions that took place on Tuesday, March 7, 2000, at the Chief Administrative Officers meeting regarding fire services.

3. BACKGROUND

The meeting was held in the Town of Richmond Hill and chaired by David Weldon, C.A.O., of Richmond Hill. The Chief Administrative Officers and Fire Chiefs for each of the five urban areas were in attendance. As well, the Fire Chief for Georgina was in attendance. The Chief Administrative Officer for York Region was a guest at the meeting along with Superintendent Bruce Herridge and Chief Ken Beckett from East Gwillimbury. Both Superintendent Herridge and Chief Beckett are acting as resources to the Chief Administrative Officers in their review.

The group reviewed draft terms of reference for the workplan of the two technical advisors, which was received.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Review of Proposals

The group reviewed three proposals to locate a central fire dispatch in either Newmarket, Markham or Vaughan. Richmond Hill decided not to submit a proposal. The submission of these proposals was a result of the last meeting of the Chief Administrative Officers where the group decided that the location of the central fire dispatch required further analysis. The Chief Administrative Officers group understood that Regional Council had endorsed the proposal for Newmarket; however, that proposal had not been endorsed by all the local municipalities.

Each of the three municipalities made a brief presentation of their submission and each submission had many strong points. The group agreed, not unanimously, that further analysis was needed. The Chief Administrative Officer from Newmarket stated that the review had been completed and having heard the presentations he was prepared to make a decision that day.

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The consensus of the group was that a further study is needed, in particular around the issue of separating the location of the fire dispatch to a different Bell calling location from the police dispatch. They decided that they would seek some independent professional advice relating to technical items. Also the terms of reference and the evaluation matrix developed by Mr. Weldon needs to be reviewed. The matter was referred to the Fire Chiefs and Superintendent Bruce Herridge to report back in one month's time when a final recommendation will be made by the Chief Administrative Officers group and forwarded to each respective local Council and to Regional Council .

4.2 Technical Review

The next point that was discussed was the issue of moving forward with the technical review, including the CAD system and other computer applications which needs to proceed quickly. In this regard, Superintendent Herridge stressed that he will continue to carry out that review in co-operation with the Fire Chiefs. The group also decided that the Regional GIS system should be the basis for the information for the fire dispatch system as the Regional GIS system is fully operational now and can provide all the basic information. That recommendation was supported by the whole group.

5. CONCLUSION

The Chief Administrative Officers group is now active and dedicated to developing a central fire dispatch system.

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UPDATE – COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

The Fire Services Advisory Committee advises Council of the following matter having been considered by the Fire Services Advisory Committee with the corresponding action as noted:

1. The next meeting of the Fire Services Advisory Committee will be held on April 12, 2000, at which time consideration will be given to the location of the central facilities. Chair Emmerson requested that any communications regarding the location of these facilities should be forwarded as soon as possible.

The Fire Services Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**March 8, 2000
Newmarket, Ontario**

**W. Emmerson
Chair**

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