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2009 OPERATING BUDGET

(Regional Council at its meeting on January 22, 2009 amended this report as follows:

Recommendation 6 to provide that consideration be given to reducing the Capital Replacement Reserve (page 272) by \$4.7 million and that \$12 million be allocated to hospital funding out of the Non-Program Items budget, with this recommendation to be forwarded to a special meeting or workshop of Council to be held on January 29, 2009.)

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

1. Receipt of the communication (November 27, 2008) from Connie Phillipson, Executive Director of the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board, regarding the Police Services 2009 Operating Budget;
2. Receipt of the following report dated December 18, 2008 from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance;
3. Receipt of the following presentations:
 - a) Police Chief Armand P. La Barge, and Mark Holland, Manager of Financial Services, regarding the Police Services budget;
 - b) Councillor Virginia Hackson, Chair, and Mark Valcic, Director of Corporate Services regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority budget;
 - c) Gerri Lynn O'Connor, Chair, and Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority budget;
 - d) Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Office of the Regional Chair and Council and Office of the CAO budgets;
 - e) Lloyd Russell, Commissioner of Finance, regarding the Finance, Information Technology, and Non-Program Items budgets; and
 - f) Jim Davidson, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding the Corporate Services and Courts budgets;
4. Forwarding the recommendation that the following budgets be approved, as submitted, to the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for consolidation into a report to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting no later than April 9, 2009:
 - a. Police Services
 - b. Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority

- c. **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**
 - d. **Office of the Regional Chair and Council**
 - e. **Office of the CAO**
 - f. **Finance**
 - g. **Information Technology**
 - h. **Non-Program Items, subject to recommendations 5 and 6 below**
 - i. **Corporate Services, and**
 - j. **Courts;**
5. **The budget for Municipal Property Assessment Corporation payments be reduced by \$217,000 as indicated in the Commissioner of Finance's presentation; and**
6. **Consideration be given to reducing the Capital Replacement Reserve (page 272) by \$3.7 million and that \$12 million be allocated to hospital funding out of the Non-Program Items budget, with this recommendation to be forwarded to a special meeting or workshop of Council to be held on January 29, 2009.**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The draft 2009 Operating Business Plan and Budget, as tabled with Regional Council December 18, 2008, for Corporate Services, Chair and Council, Court Services, Finance, Information Technology, Non Program & Financial Items, Boards and Authorities and Office of the CAO be considered by the Finance and Administration Committee and;
2. The Committee's recommendations pertaining to these budgets be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for consolidation into a report to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting no later than April 9, 2009.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the 2009 Regional Operating Business Plan and Budget for Corporate Services, Chair and Council, Court Services, Finance, Information Technology, Boards and Authorities and Office of the CAO, for consideration and recommendation by Finance and Administration Committee and adoption by Regional Council no later than April 23, 2009.

3. BACKGROUND

The 2009 Operating Business Plan and Budget was tabled with Regional Council on December 18, 2008. It was received and referred to Standing Committees for their consideration and recommendation.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Operating Business Plan and Budget

The 2009 Business Plan and Budget for operating includes requirements to the base budget, mandatory or legislated amounts, and those in support of growth and or service enhancement to York Region.

The operating budget for the noted departments is found in the 2009 Operating Business Plans & Budget document as posted in the following table.

Table 1
2009 Operating Budget

Department	Page No.	2009 Net Operating Expenditures (incl Contribution to Capital)
Property Services	201	\$15,975,000
Human Resource Services	207	\$6,229,000
Legal Services	215	\$2,052,000
Regional Clerk	223	\$1,931,000
Court Services	227	\$1,632,000
Finance	257	\$8,481,000
Information Technology	261	\$13,641,000
Chair & Council	269	\$1,765,000
Non-Program, Financial Items, ODSP, ODA	272	\$34,887,000
Boards & Authorities	Overview book, pg 3	\$97,263,000
Office of the CAO	275	\$3,630,000

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The above noted operating budgets total \$187.5 million or 25.4% of the Region's total 2009 proposed net operating budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Region provides essential services to the residents and business in York Region. The challenge to meet growing demands for increasing and improving service delivery continues and is addressed throughout the goals and work objectives of the Region's various business units. The review of resource needs and ongoing search for options to address and mitigate budget pressures are important elements in the budget process.

7. CONCLUSION

This report sets out the proposed 2009 operating budget for Corporate Services, Chair and Council, Court Services, Finance, Information Technology, Non Program & Financial Items, Boards and Authorities and Office of the CAO, as summarized in Table 1 above. To facilitate the completion of the budget process, it is recommended that the Committee's recommendations be forwarded to Regional Council for approval of the budget no later than April 23, 2009.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.