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2008 INTERIM TAX LEVY

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, November 15, 2007, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. An amount not exceeding 50% of the estimated 2007 levy for local municipalities be the 2008 interim tax levy as indicated in Table 1.

2. The interim tax levy be payable in two equal installments, the first installment due on or before April 30, 2008 and the balance due on or before June 30, 2008.

3. The Regional Solicitor be authorized to prepare the necessary by-law to give effect to these recommendations.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to establish the 2008 interim tax levy for the local municipalities in York Region.

3. BACKGROUND

Until the 2008 Regional budget has been approved and a final tax rating by-law established, the Region must requisition sufficient funds to meet its day-to-day operations.

Section 316(1) of the *Municipal Act 2001* provides that the Region may pass an interim tax levy for an amount not exceeding 50% of the estimated tax levy as prescribed in the Regional tax levy by-law from the preceding year for each of the local municipalities. Section 316(2) states that the corresponding by-law issued for interim tax levy purposes may require specified portions of the sum to be paid to the Regional Treasurer on or before specified dates.

In keeping with past practice, the proposed interim tax levy will be payable in equal instalments on or before the last business day of April and on or before the last business day of June.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In 2007, Regional Council approved an estimated net tax levy of $654,597,000. An interim levy of $327,298,500, which equates to 50% of the approved 2007 tax levy, is being requisitioned from the local municipalities to provide the Region with sufficient revenues to fund its operations prior to the establishment of a tax rating by-law for 2008.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The impact on the local municipalities will be amounts requisitioned as indicated on Table 1.

Table 1
Regional Tax Burden by Local Municipality

Municipality	2007 Net Tax Levy $	2008 Interim Tax Levy $
Aurora	31,569,696.00	15,784,848.00
East Gwillimbury	13,376,398.00	6,688,199.00
Georgina	20,233,057.00	10,116,528.50
King	17,039,272.00	8,519,636.00
Markham	183,778,177.00	91,889,088.50
Newmarket	43,097,462.00	21,548,731.00
Richmond Hill	118,367,529.00	59,183,764.50
Vaughan	206,340,555.00	103,170,277.50
Whitchurch-Stouffville	20,794,854.00	10,397,427.00
Total	654,597,000.00	327,298,500.00

6. CONCLUSION

This report recommends that $327,298,500 be requisitioned from the local municipalities for the 2008 interim levy.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.