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REMUNERATION - MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND LOCAL BOARDS

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide a statement, required by legislation, of the remuneration and expenses paid in the preceding year to each member of council in respect of his or her services as a member of council, and to a member of council or other person who has been appointed by the Council to serve as a member of a local board.

3. BACKGROUND

Section 284(1) of the Municipal Act requires the Treasurer of every municipality to submit to Council on or before the 31st day of March in each year, a statement of remuneration and expenses for the preceding year paid to members of council and local boards.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Attachment #1 sets out remuneration and expenses for Members of Council for 2004. Remuneration to the Regional Chair and Members of Regional Council is paid under the authority of By-law A-215(a)-2000-001. Expenses are paid from funds approved in the 2004 Regional Budget adopted on March 25, 2004.

Under the terms of an agreement, the local municipalities pay their respective members of Regional Council on behalf of the Region. The remuneration is paid pursuant to the terms of By-law A-215(a)-2000-001. The Region reimburses the municipalities on a cost recovery basis for salary and benefits. The costs for benefits, which are provided at the local level, include the Region's share of contributions for OMERS and Canada Pension Plan as well as premiums for life, group health and dental coverage. Because benefit coverage varies from municipality to municipality, the costs incurred by the Region for each member of council also varies. The annual councillor remuneration for 2004 was \$39,770 from January to March and \$40,963 effective April 1st. Pay periods vary among the municipalities resulting in fluctuations in the salary amounts reported in Attachment #1.

Also, attached are letters from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority (attachments #2 and #3 respectively) listing payments made by the Authority to Members of Regional Council or other persons appointed by Council to serve as a member of the authority. Expenses incurred on behalf of the Police Services Board by Members of Council who are appointed to the Board are reported in Attachment #4.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Annual remuneration and expenses for Members of Council are included in the annual operating budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The local municipalities pay their respective Regional Councillors on behalf of the Region. The municipalities invoice the Region for the Region's portion of salaries and associated benefits. The single payer arrangement between the Region and the local municipalities does not result in any increased costs to the local municipalities.

(The attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)