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2009 INTERIM TAX LEVY

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that Council adopt the recommendations contained in the following report dated November 27, 2008, from the Commissioner of Finance.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. An amount not exceeding 50% of the estimated 2008 levy for local municipalities be the 2009 interim tax levy as indicated in Table 1.

2. The interim tax levy be payable in two equal instalments, the first instalment due on or before April 30, 2009 and the balance due on or before June 30, 2009, as shown on Attachment 1.

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 2009 interim tax levy for the local municipalities in the Regional Municipality of York.

3. BACKGROUND

Until the 2009 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 2008, Regional Council approved an estimated net tax levy of $698,781,000. An interim levy of $349,390,500, which equates to 50% of the approved 2008 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 2009.

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	2008 Net Tax Levy $	2009 Interim Tax Levy $
Aurora	33,679,121.00	16,839,560.50
East Gwillimbury	14,092,490.00	7,046,245.00
Georgina	21,246,380.00	10,623,190.00
King	17,788,655.00	8,894,327.50
Markham	195,308,170.00	97,654,085.00
Newmarket	45,434,150.00	22,717,075.00
Richmond Hill	125,568,033.00	62,784,016.50
Vaughan	222,440,853.00	111,220,426.50
Whitchurch-Stouffville	23,223,148.00	11,611,574.00
Total	698,781,000.00	349,390,500.00

6. CONCLUSION

This report recommends that $349,390,500 be requisitioned from the local municipalities for the 2009 interim levy.

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The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause is attached to this report.)