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2008 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES - REVISED

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1. the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, December 12, 2007, from the Commissioner of Finance; and**
- 2. the Region's fees and charges be adjusted annually in future years to match the annual Cost of Living Index and these fees and charges be rounded up to:**
 - a) the nearest dollar when they are less than \$100;**
 - b) the nearest \$10 when they are \$100 or more but less than \$1,000; and**
 - c) the nearest \$100 when they are \$1,000 or more.**

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the revised 2008 Schedule of Fees and Charges outlined in Attachment #1 be approved.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present for approval the 2008 Schedule of Fees and Charges for Regional Services.

3. BACKGROUND

At its meeting of November 29, 2007, the Finance and Administration Committee adopted the Schedule of Fees and Charges with a direction to staff to report back to the Committee on increasing all Regional fees and charges in the schedule, except those for which an increase has already been proposed, by the cost of living.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The year-over-year inflation rate as at October 31, 2007 was 2.5%. This inflation rate was applied to the fees and charges in the attached schedule, with the following two exceptions.

- **Property Services – Audio Visual Rentals**

At this time, audio-visual equipment is not available to external groups. Consequently, the fees are not being collected and the inflationary increase was not applied.

- **Transportation and Works**

Fees and charges in Transportation and Works are established under the authority of various by-laws. These charges are scheduled for review during 2008.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Region's fees and charges generate an annual revenue stream of approximately \$24M or 1.9% of the total annual operating budget. The revised fees will partially offset increased costs in the affected programs.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Schedule of Fees and Charges does not have any direct impact on local municipalities.

7. CONCLUSION

With some exceptions, the fees and charges imposed by the Region for various services and activities have been increased in accordance with the cost of living increase. The revised fees will partially offset increased costs in the affected programs.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the January 10, 2008 Committee meeting.)