

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

**REPORT NO. 1
OF THE REGIONAL
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2005**

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on January 20, 2005**

Chair: Mayor D. Cousens

Members: Mayor Wm. F. Bell
Mayor T. Jones
Mayor T. Taylor
Mayor J. Young
Regional Chair B. Fisch

Also Present: Regional Councillor D. Barrow, Regional Councillor B. Hogg, Regional Councillor J. Jones, Regional Councillor F. Scarpitti, Regional Councillor T. Van Bynen, Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

Staff Present: P. Casey, S. Cartwright, K. Close, B. Crowe, J. Davidson, M. Garrett, T. Haddad, C. Harrison, D. Norton, K. Schipper, L. Shallal, J. Simmons, B. Tuckey, E. Wilson

The Finance and Administration Committee began its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on January 6, 2005.

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6 UPDATE - COMMITTEE PROCEEDINGS

The Finance and Administration Committee advises Council of the following matters having been considered by the Finance and Administration Committee with the following action:

ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

1. Mayor D. Cousens was elected Chair and Mayor T. Jones was elected Vice Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee for 2005.

PRESENTATIONS

2005 Operating Budget

1. Michael Garrett, Chief Administrative Officer and Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance, regarding the 2005 Operating Budget Overview
2. Chief Armand La Barge and Mark Holland, Manager of Financial Services, York Regional Police, regarding the 2005 Police Budget
3. Mike Walters, Director of Watershed Management, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Brian Denney Toronto Region Conservation Authority, regarding the 2005 Conservation Authorities' Budgets
4. Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance and Tony Haddad, Director, Business Planning & Budgets, regarding the 2005 Water/Wastewater Budget

(In considering this matter the Committee also had before it a memorandum from Mayor Tom Taylor dated December 13, 2003 entitled "Sample of Impact of Proposed 2005 to 2009 (incl) Tax Levy Impact on Average Newmarket Household (for debt servicing only)")

5. Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance and Tony Haddad, Director, Business Planning and Budgets, regarding the 2005 Corporate Administration Support Departments and Non-Program Budgets
6. Jim Davidson, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding the 2005 Corporate Services Budget.

All Presentations were received and referred to the Council Workshop on the 2005 Capital and Operating Budgets scheduled for January 27, 2005.

Staff were instructed to bring forward information to the Workshop on total staffing requests and 10- to 20- year debt projections for the Region.

COMMUNICATIONS

Opera York

7. Philip Trow, Co-Founder and Joan Sax, Co-Founder, Opera York, December 17, 2004, requesting \$25,000 from Council to support Opera York programming and community initiatives.
Received and deputation status granted.

Regional Wards

8. J. D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, November 26, 2004, forwarding Item 1, Report No. 85, adopted by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting on November 22, 2004, regarding Regional Wards.
Received.

DEPUTATIONS

9. Philip Trow, Co-Founder and Joan Sax, Co-Founder, Opera York, December 17, 2004, requesting \$25,000 from Council to support Opera York programming and community initiatives.
Referred to the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development for a report.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tsunami Relief

The Committee unanimously recommended:

1. **that York Region, on behalf of each of its constituents, immediately donate \$500,000 in support of the victims of the recent Tsunami, to be funded out of the 2004 budget surplus, with 75% of this donation to be allocated to the Canadian Red Cross and 25% of this donation to be allocated to World Vision Canada;**
2. **that the Chief Administrative Officer review possibilities for providing staff assistance to the areas stricken by the Tsunami disaster; and**

3. that Council ratify the action taken.

The Finance and Administration Committee adjourned at 12:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**January 6, 2005
Newmarket, Ontario**

**D. Cousens
Chair**

(Report No. 1 of the Finance and Administration Committee was adopted, without amendment, by Regional Council at its meeting held on January 20, 2005.)