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LEASE EXTENSION FOR PARAMEDIC RESPONSE STATION IN THE TOWN OF EAST GWILLIMBURY

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, November 20, 2007, from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The Region enter into a one-year lease extension for the existing paramedic response station located at 1590 Queensville Side Road, in the Town of East Gwillimbury, as outlined in this report.
2. The Regional Chair and the Regional Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary lease extension with the Town of East Gwillimbury, subject to review by Legal Services.
3. The Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to sign a lease extension for a further one-year term with the Town of East Gwillimbury, if required, for an additional one-year term, subject to review by Legal Services.

2. PURPOSE

This report recommends that the Region enter into a one-year lease extension for York Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS), so that it may continue to operate a response station located in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

3. BACKGROUND

EMS has been co-locating their Paramedic Response operation with the Town's Fire and Emergency Services, consisting of 957 square feet, since January 2000. EMS has requested to remain at this location.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Property Services staff have entered into a tentative agreement with the Town staff to extend the lease for a one-year term subject to a three percent increase, effective January

1, 2008, with an option to renew for an additional one-year term, subject to a three percent increase.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The following chart outlines the cost for renewing the existing lease:

Table 1
Lease Cost Analysis

Lease Term	Current Annual Gross Rent	Proposed Annual Gross Rent
One year	\$9,888.00	\$10,184.64

This lease agreement complies with the Region's policy relating to financing leases contained in the Capital Financing and Debt Policy, approved by Council in January 2006.

Town staff are presently responsible for all operating costs under this gross lease.

All costs associated with this lease extension have been included in the proposed 2008 EMS budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

This lease extension will allow for the continued presence of EMS in the Town of East Gwillimbury.

7. CONCLUSION

A lease extension is required for this part of the Region in order to operate a Paramedic Response Station and it is recommended that the Region enter into this lease extension as outlined in this report.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.