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GTA POOLING

(Regional Council at its meeting on December 13, 2007 adopted this resolution subject to amending the resolution by removing the words “as a reduction to the overall tax requirement of the Region” from the last paragraph, so that the last paragraph in the resolution now reads:

“Be it resolved that:

The GTA pooling savings be contained fully within the York Region budget and that the reduction in GTA pooling be clearly illustrated to the public in all future budgets until such time as the full phase-out of these costs is completed”).

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the following:

Whereas the Province of Ontario has now committed to the elimination of the requirement for the Region of York to pay GTA pooling costs; and

Whereas the GTA pooling costs are to be phased out over the next six year period; and

Whereas the Region of York will continue to face significant budget pressures over the next several years related to infrastructure, social and health services to meet the increasing needs within our communities, public transit improvements, and responding to growth in all communities for all regional services; and

Whereas any additional funding for these service needs will become individual budget decisions of Regional Council in future budget years; and

Whereas all municipalities will soon be addressing their 2008 budgets and need to understand how the reduction to GTA pooling may impact their budgets;

Be it resolved that:

The GTA pooling savings be contained fully within the York Region budget and that the reduction in GTA pooling be clearly illustrated to the public in all future budgets as a reduction to the overall tax requirement of the Region until such time as the full phase-out of these costs is completed.