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2008 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

(Regional Council at its meeting on December 13, 2007, adopted this report as amended to include the revised Waste Management User Fees recommended in Clause 1 of Solid Waste Management Committee Report No. 11, as Items 17 to 21 in Attachment 1 to that Report.)

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, November 6, 2007, from the Commissioner of Finance, as amended to include the following further recommendations:

- 1. All references to the Waste Management Fees listed as items 17 to 21 in Attachment 1 be deleted pending recommendations to come forward to Council from the Solid Waste Management Committee, and all references to “NC” (No Change) be deleted; and**
- 2. the Commissioner of Finance provide a report to the Committee, at its meeting of January 10, 2008, 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.**

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the 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

Section 391. (1) of the Municipal Act states:

“Without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, those sections authorize a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons

- (a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;
- (b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board; and

(c) for the use of its property including property under its control. 2006, c. 32, Schedule A, s.163 (1).”

A user fee must bear a reasonable relation to the cost of service provision. These user fees are collected by the respective departments for the provision of services to interested parties and are reflected as program revenues which assist in reducing the costs associated with the provision of these services. The 2008 budget includes revenues generated from external sources and are outlined in the Schedule of Fees and Charges, Attachment #1. For comparison purposes, all the 2007 rates are shown in the “Current Fee” column and only those rates for which changes are proposed are displayed in the column headed “2008 Proposed Fee”.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Ideally, user fees are most effective when the following three conditions can be met:

- When the service involved benefits the individuals who use it
- When those who don’t benefit from it can be excluded from payment
- When fees can be collected efficiently

These fees can promote efficiency in the consumption of goods and services. In addition, the costs associated with the service are borne directly by the benefiting party. The Schedule of Fees and Charges is available for reference in the Regional Clerk’s office and on the Region’s website at www.york.ca.

The 2008 Transit fares, approved by Regional Council on October 18, 2007 are not included in the attached 2008 Schedule of Fees and Charges. However, when the final schedule is published, the Transit fares will be included.

On November 15, 2007, Regional Council approved 2008 Waste Management User Fees which are reflected in Attachment #1.

Development application fees are currently under review and fee changes are not known at this time.

Fees and charges levied by York Regional Police are not included in the attached schedule.

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 fees shown in this report are reflected in the 2008 budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

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

7. CONCLUSION

The 2008 Schedule of Fees and Charges generates an annual revenue stream of approximately \$24M and has been included in the 2008 operating budget. These fees are submitted for approval by Committee and Council.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the November 29, 2007 Committee meeting.)