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2008 OPERATING BUDGET

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

1. **the following presentations be received:**
   a) **Bruce Macgregor, Chief Administrative Officer, providing an overview of the 2008 Budget and information relating to the budgets for the offices of the Regional Chair and the Chief Administrative Officer;**
   b) **Police Chief Armand P. La Barge and Mark Holland, Manager of Financial Services, accompanied by Deputy Chief Bruce Herridge and Deputy Chief Eric Jolliffe, on behalf of York Regional Police;**
   c) **Gayle Wood, Chief Administrative Officer, regarding the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Jim Dillane, Director of Finance and Business Services, regarding the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority;**
   d) **Lloyd Russell, Commissioner of Finance, regarding the Finance and Information Technology, Emergency Services (911), Financial/Administrative Items and Other Non-Program Items budgets; and**
   e) **Jim Davidson, Commissioner of Corporate Services, regarding the Corporate Services and Courts budgets.**

2. **the recommendations contained in the following report, January 28, 2008, from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance be adopted subject to the following:**
   a) **the Finance Department budget be reduced by $75,000 allocated to the renovation of the Customer Service/Reception Counter in Supplies and Services (page 344); and**
   b) **the following items be referred back to staff for further information to be provided at the Committee's meeting of March 6, 2008:**
      i) **the request for $338,000 for four additional call takers in Emergency Services (911) (page 361);**
      ii) **the request for $320,000 for Buttonville Airport in Financial/Administrative Items (page 364); and**
      iii) **the request for $356,000 (net) for ten additional staff in Corporate Services (pages 289, 299, 308 and 316).**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The 2008 Operating Business Plans and Budget, as tabled with Regional Council January 24, 2008, for Corporate Services, Chair and Council, Court Services, Emergency Services, Finance and Administration, Information Technology, Boards and Authorities and Office of the CAO be considered and approved by the Finance and Administration Committee and;

2. The Committee's recommendations pertaining to these budgets be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer for consolidation into a report to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 6, 2008.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the 2008 Regional Operating Business Plans and Budget for Corporate Services, Chair and Council, Court Services, Emergency Services, Finance and Administration, Information Technology, Boards and Authorities and Office of the CAO, for consideration and recommendation by Finance and Administration Committee and further considered for adoption by Regional Council at their meeting of March 27, 2008.

3. BACKGROUND

The 2008 Operating Business Plans and Budget was tabled with Regional Council on January 24, 2008. It was received and referred to Standing Committees for their consideration and recommendation.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Operating Business Plans and Budget

The 2008 Business Plans and Budget for Operating includes requirements to the base budget, mandatory or legislated amounts, and those in support of growth and or service enhancement to York Region.

The operating budget for the noted departments is found in the 2008 Operating Business Plans & Budget document as posted in the following table.

Table 1
2008 Operating Budget

Department	Page No.	2008 Budget (incl. Contribution to Capital)
Property Services	287	$15,754,010
Human Resource Services	297	$5,915,000
Legal	306	$1,913,000
Clerk	314	$1,798,000
Court Services	325	$1,216,000
Finance	344	$7,721,000
Information Technology	348	$12,610,000
Chair & Council	358	$1,725,000
Emergency Services	361	$1,847,000
Non-Program Financial/Admin	365	$32,307,000
Boards and Authorities	367	$112,695,000
Office of the CAO	379	$3,350,000

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total proposed 2008 operating budget is $701.6 million. The above noted operating budgets total $198.9 million or 28.3% of the total 2008 proposed operating budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Region provides essential services to the residents and businesses in York Region. The challenge to meet growing demands for increasing and improving service delivery continues and is addressed throughout the goals and work objectives of the Region's various business units. The review of resource needs and ongoing search for options to address and mitigate budget pressures are important elements in the budget process.

7. CONCLUSION

This report sets out the proposed 2008 operating budget for Corporate Services, Chair and Council, Court Services, Emergency Services, Finance and Administration, Information Technology, Boards and Authorities and Office of the CAO, as summarized in Table 1 above. To facilitate the completion of the budget process, it is recommended that the Committee's recommendations be forwarded to Regional Council on March 27, 2008.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.