

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE REGIONAL FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 3, 2005

**For Consideration by
The Council of The Regional Municipality of York
on February 17, 2005**

Chair: Mayor D. Cousens

Members: Mayor Wm. F. Bell
Mayor M. Black
Mayor M. Di Biase
Mayor T. Jones
Mayor J. Young
Regional Chair B. Fisch

Also Present: Mayor R. Grossi, Regional Councillor B. Hogg, Regional Councillor J. Jones, Mayor S. Sherban, Regional Councillor T. Van Bynen, Regional Councillor D. Wheeler

Staff Present: P. Casey, S. Cartwright, B. Crowe, J. Davidson, M. Garrett, D. Gordon, T. Haddad, Dr. H. Jaczek, C. Harrison, B. Herridge, M. Holland, E. Jolliffe, D. Kelly, A. La Barge, P. May, K. Schipper, N. Scarratt, J. Simmons, B. Tuckey, M. F. Turner, J. Vanderburgh, T. Webster, M. Woolhead

The Finance and Administration Committee began its meeting at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2005.

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

(Mayor Black declared an interest in the following Item due to the fact that her spouse works for a company that is a sub-contractor on this project and did not take part in the consideration or discussion or vote on these items insofar as they pertained to this project.)

PRESENTATION

1 2005 Capital and Operating Business Plan and Budget

Michael Garrett, Chief Administrative Officer and Sandra Cartwright, Commissioner of Finance presented further reduction options arising from the January 27, 2005 Council Workshop, resulting in a revised proposed net tax levy increase of 5.4%, and identified advocacy actions that the Region might take to affect future budgets.

Distributed as part of the presentation were handouts relating to:

1. Growth and Enhancement Reductions;
2. New Staff Summary; and
3. Proposed recommendations relating to Advocating a New Financial Deal (amendments to the *Development Charges Act*, EMS funding, transit funding, Ontario Works administration cost sharing, GTA pooling for Social Assistance and Social Housing, service delivery options and new revenue sources for 2006 and beyond).

The Committee:

1. Received the presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance;
2. Requested the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance to submit to Regional Council on February 17, 2005 a list of additional potential reductions and associated impacts with a view to reducing the net tax levy increase to 5.0% if possible;
3. Requested the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance to report to Regional Council on February 17, 2005 with recommendations advocating a new financial deal with the Province of Ontario;
4. Referred to the Transit Committee the following:
 - That the General Manager of Transit conduct a review of YRT routes to determine whether the opportunity exists to fund one-third of Priority 1 routes through the reduction of service on low-ridership routes; and
 - That the General Manager of Transit explore whether there is an opportunity to contribute \$30,000.00 in partnership with the Town of Georgina to fund rural services provided by Transit Georgina.
5. Received a letter (February 1, 2005) and deputation from Richard C. McGee regarding a motion of the Inter- municipal Board of the York Region Courts, and recommended that the proposed additional staff in Court Services be hired on a temporary or contract basis pending the outcome of the Regional and Area Municipalities Chief Administrative Officers' review of the Court Services operation;
6. Received an e-mail (February 2, 2005) and deputation from Mr. R. J. Martin on the proposed force main from King City to Oak Ridges and referred this matter to the Commissioner of Transportation and Works; and

2 2005 Police Services Budget

Police Services Board Vice-Chair D. Wheeler, Police Chief Armand La Barge, and M. Holland, Manager of Financial Services presented a revised 2005 Police Services Budget proposing an additional \$100,000 reduction.

The Committee requested the Police Services Board to further review the 2005 Police Services Budget with a view to reducing the net increase from 9.4% to 9.0%, and to report to the February 17, 2005 meeting of Regional Council with the results of that review.

COMMUNICATIONS

- 3 Greg Sorbara, Minister of Finance and John Gerretsen, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, January 11, 2005, with information on the status of the government's review of the Community Reinvestment Fund (CRF). **Received.**
- 4 Robert C. Prowse, Town Clerk, Town of Richmond Hill, December 10, 2004, regarding the Town of Richmond Hill's Wind Power Study. (Referred to the Committee by Council on January 20, 2005.) **Referred to the Commissioner of Corporate Services for a report.**
- 5 Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk, Town of Markham, December 16, 2004, forwarding Clause 11 of Report No. 67, adopted by the Town of Markham Council Meeting of December 14, 2004, regarding Submission to the Province regarding Financial Tools to Implement Markham Centre. **Received.**
- 6 Charlotte Gravlev, Regional Clerk and Director of Clerk's, Region of Peel, December 21, 2004, forwarding a resolution adopted by the Region of Peel Council on December 9, 2004, regarding GO Transit Funding. **Referred to the Commissioner of Finance for a report to the Committee.**
- 7 J. D. Leach, City Clerk, City of Vaughan, January 28, 2005, forwarding a resolution adopted by Vaughan Council at its meeting held on January 24, 2005, regarding Request for Provincial Financial Assistance. **Referred to the Commissioner of Finance for a report to the Committee.**

The Finance and Administration Committee adjourned at 11:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

**February 3, 2005
Newmarket, Ontario**

**D. Cousens
Chair**

(Report No. 2 of the Finance and Administration Committee was adopted, as amended, by Regional Council at its meeting held on February 17, 2005.)