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## **2007 BUDGETS**

**The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:**

- 1. receipt of the following report (undated) from the Commissioner of Finance and the presentation from Tony Haddad, Director, Business Planning and Budgets;**
- 2. the following recommendations be referred to the April 5, 2007 Committee meeting, together with the recommendations from the Committee's meeting of February 8, 2007, and be considered by Council with the overall Business Plan and Budget on April 19, 2007:**

- 1. Police Services**

- a) **The communication from Connie Phillipson, Executive Director, Police Services Board, March 1, 2007 be received;**
- b) **the Police Services capital budget be approved;**
- c) **the Police Services operating budget be approved subject to the reductions (\$497,000) from increased revenues and operating expenses outlined in the above communication; and**
- d) **the proposed \$256,000 savings from revising projected fuel prices assumption from \$1.00 per litre to \$0.90 per litre, outlined in the above communication, be referred to the Committee's April 5, 2007 meeting with a request for a report from the Commissioner of Finance on the financial implications of considering bio-diesel fuels for Regional and Police vehicles.**

- 2. Corporate Services**

**The Corporate Services capital and operating budgets be approved subject to the reductions of \$273,000 set out on page 5 of the presentation.**

- 3. Court Services**

**The Court Services capital and operating budgets be referred to the Committee's meeting of April 5, 2007 with a request for the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report on adjustments that can be made to 2007 projections for the number of Charges Filed, based on recent information for the 2006 actual number of Charges Filed, (page 8 of the presentation), and any additional costs or revenue resulting from adjustments to these projections.**

**4. Conservation Authorities**

**The requests from the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for funding from all funding sources in the total amount of \$6.903 million (tax levy of \$3.854 million) be approved.**

**The Commissioner of Finance provide further information on the funding arrangement for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority administration offices.**

**5. Information Technology**

**The information relating to the number of users per Information Technology staff member in the public and private sectors be received.**

*(The capital and operating budgets for the Finance Department, including the Information Technology budgets, were recommended for approval at the Committee's February 8, 2007 meeting.)*

**6. Hospitals**

**The information on changes to the hospital funding formula be received and the \$7.312 million for hospital capital funding be approved.**

**7. Potential Reductions**

**The potential reductions outlined by Departments, in the areas of Risk management (deductible savings), EMS (increase in Provincial subsidy), Transit (reduction in debt charges) and Roads (various), totaling \$1.44 million be referred to the Committee's April 5, 2007 meeting.**

**8. Non-Program Items – Emergency Services (911)**

**The budget for Emergency Services (911) be approved.**

**9. Non-Program Items – Financial/Administrative**

- a) The budgets for Non-Program Items –Financial/Administrative, be approved, with the exception of the budget (\$450,000) for Working Capital;
- b) The budget for Working Capital be referred to the Committee's April 5, 2007 meeting with a request for a report from the Commissioner of Finance on:
  - 1. the policy regarding the Working Capital Reserve
  - 2. how much money is in the Working Capital Reserve
  - 3. how many times the Region has borrowed for Working Capital in the last three to five years
  - 4. the extent to which the Working Capital Reserve affects the Region's borrowing rating, and
  - 5. whether interest earned on money in the Working Capital Reserve could be used to cover some of the Region's costs.
- c) The Commissioner of Finance confirm whether the City of Toronto receives Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund monies.

**10. Non-Program Items – Other**

The budgets for GTA Pooling, the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) and the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation be referred to the Committee's April 5, 2007 meeting.

**1. RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that this report be received for information purposes.

**2. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this report is to provide the Finance and Administration Committee a brief summary of the Committee Proceedings from February meetings relative to 2007 budget presentations by departments.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

The following extracts are from the Committee Proceedings related to 2007 budget presentations at the various Standing Committees. Follow-up on requested information will be presented at the March committee meetings by the respective departments. Recommendations from Standing Committees will then be forwarded to the Finance and Administration Committee's meeting of April 5, 2007 for consideration and recommendations to Council at their meeting of April 19, 2007.

#### **3.1 TRANSPORTATION & WORKS COMMITTEE**

Bruce Macgregor, Commissioner of Transportation and Works, regarding '2007 Business Plan and Budget for the Transportation and Works Department – Roads and Water and Wastewater Operating and Capital Budgets'. Received.

The Committee requested staff to review the proposed Roads operating and capital budgets and report to its March 7, 2007 meeting on priority expenditure reductions or increases in revenue.

The Committee referred the Water and Wastewater operating and capital budgets to its March 7, 2007 meeting.

#### **3.2 SOLID WASTE**

The Committee recommended that the presentation by Andy Campbell, Director of Solid Waste Management, Transportation and Works Department, be received and the 2007 Solid Waste Management Business Plan and Budget for the Transportation and Works Department be referred to the April 5, 2007 Finance and Administration Committee meeting with the following recommendation:

The 2007 Business Plan and Budget for the Solid Waste Management Branch of the Transportation and Works Department be recommended for adoption.

#### **3.3 RAPID TRANSIT AND TRANSIT**

The Joint Committee received the presentations and recommended that:

The Viva Rapid Transit 2007 Operating Business Plan and Budget and the York Region Transit 2007 Operating Business Plan and Budget be referred to the April 5, 2007 Finance and Administration Committee with the following recommendation:

The Viva Rapid Transit 2007 Operating Business Plan and Budget and the York Region Transit 2007 Operating Business Plan and Budget of the Transportation and Works Department be recommended for adoption; and

The Viva Rapid Transit 2007 Capital Budget and the York Region Transit 2007 Capital Budget of the Transportation and Works Department be referred to a special meeting of the Joint Rapid Transit Public/Private Partnership Steering Committee and Transit Committee to be held in March.

### **3.4 HEALTH & EMS**

To be presented at the March meeting.

### **3.5 COMMUNITY SERVICES & HOUSING**

The 2007 Business Plan and Budget for the Community Services and Housing Department be recommended for adoption subject to the following amendment:

That the proposed increase of 10 subsidized beds to the Domiciliary Hostel Program be increased to 20, subject to the increase being funded from within the draft 2007 Business Plan and Budget, not as an enhancement.

### **3.6 PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

The 2007 Business Plan and Budget for the Planning and Development Services Department be recommended for adoption.

The Committee also requested staff to examine possible additional efficiencies and potential revenue increases.

### **3.7 CORPORATE SERVICES & COURTS**

Referred to the March 8, 2007 meeting of the Committee with a request for further expenditure reductions.

The Commissioner of Corporate Services bring forward information to the March 8, 2007 meeting of the Committee regarding the amount of revenue increase for the Provincial Courts since the hiring of the Collections Supervisor.

### **3.8 FINANCE & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

The proposed operating and capital budgets of the Finance and Information Technology, Chair and Council and Corporate Administrative Support budgets (excluding Corporate Services and Courts) be recommended for approval.

The Commissioner of Finance provide information relating to the number of users per IT staff member in other public and private sector organizations to the March 8, 2007 meeting of the Committee.

### **3.9 YORK REGIONAL POLICE**

The proposed staffing plan for 2007, including \$1.542 million for the 22 sworn and 15 civilian staff in the enhancements category, be recommended for approval and the remainder of the operating and capital budgets be referred to the Committee's meeting of March 8, 2007 with a request for further reductions in costs.

### **3.10 CONSERVATION AUTHORITIES**

The proposed operating and capital budgets for the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be recommended for approval.

The Commissioner of Finance confirm the net percentage change to the Conservation Authorities' overall budgets and provide this information to the March 8, 2007 meeting of the Committee.

### **3.11 NON-PROGRAM ITEMS**

Referred to the March 8, 2007 meeting of the Committee.

The Commissioner of Finance provide information on the change in the funding formula for hospitals to the March 8, 2007 meeting of the Committee.

## **4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS**

The follow-up items for the departments from the February 8, 2007 Finance and Administration Committee will be presented under separate cover at the Committee's March 8, 2007 meeting.

Following the March series of Standing Committee meetings, staff will consolidate the committee proceedings together with direction received from the Finance and Administration Committee into a comprehensive report for consideration at the Finance and Administration Committee's meeting of April 5, 2007. The recommendations made at this meeting, the 2007 budget will be considered for adoption by Regional Council at their meeting of April 19, 2007.

## **5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications resulting from this progress report at this time.

**6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT**

There is no impact on local municipalities at this time.

**7. CONCLUSION**

The review of the 2007 budget by Standing Committees is progressing toward the target dates for consideration, adoption and approval by Regional Council at their meeting on April 19, 2007.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.