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DONATION OF YORK REGION EMS AMBULANCE VEHICLE

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, April 12, 2007, from the Commissioner of Community Services, Housing and Health Services:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council authorize the donation of a York Region EMS ambulance with supplies and equipment decommissioned from service on March 15, 2007, to the country of Ecuador through the Friends of Ecuador.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization from Regional Council to donate a decommissioned York Region EMS ambulance.

3. BACKGROUND

In 2002, and 2005, York Region EMS donated a decommissioned ambulance and surplus medical supplies through Friends of Ecuador for the Firefighters of the City of Guayaquil, and Hospital Vozandes del Oriente, a mission hospital serving local and indigenous population of the eastern jungles of Ecuador. In both instances, The Regional Municipality of York received letters and pictures from the recipients in Ecuador expressing their gratitude in receiving the donated York Region EMS ambulances and medical supplies.

Friends of Ecuador is incorporated in Ontario as a not-for-profit organization and sends large amounts of hospital, school and emergency supplies to recognized charities in Ecuador.

On July 25, 2006, a request was received through Friends of Ecuador for the donation of an additional ambulance and medical equipment (*see Attachment 1*).

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

York Region EMS ambulances are required to be replaced based on an established life cycle of 54 months, or when the mileage exceeds 250,000 kilometres. In order to

maintain the vehicle fleet and comply with the legislative required preventative maintenance program under the *Ambulance Act*, York Region EMS has developed a 10-year Capital Vehicle Replacement Plan based on Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) vehicle standards and a performance-based service delivery model. Under normal circumstances, decommissioned ambulances are put up for auction annually through an approved vendor. This year, York Region EMS is scheduled to decommission nine ambulances as part of its vehicle replacement strategy.

4.1 Donations by other Regions

The City of Toronto and the Regional Municipalities of Niagara, Waterloo, Halton and Durham have donated decommissioned vehicles to not-for-profit organizations and other countries such as public hospitals in Ecuador and the Rotary Club in Kenya.

The Regional Municipality of York once again has an opportunity to provide those less fortunate than us with a much needed emergency vehicle, equipment and supplies.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Once an ambulance is decommissioned, it is sold at auction. Based on the previous sales of ambulances at auctions, the net value of a decommissioned ambulance can range between \$3,000 to \$10,000 based on the vehicle condition, mileage and demand.

York Region EMS proposes to donate one 2001 Ford Type 3 (box style) E350 diesel ambulance decommissioned on March 15, 2007. This vehicle has an approximate value of \$6,000. It will be equipped with medical supplies and equipment valued at approximately \$2,500. The expense for shipping, permits and related costs will be covered by the Friends of Ecuador.

York Region EMS budgeted \$86,000 revenue from the sale of decommissioned vehicles in 2007. The financial impact of the donation will have minimal impact on the overall budgeted revenue.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There are no local implications for this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The Regional Municipality of York will benefit from the knowledge that our donation will assist those less fortunate in Ecuador with a much-needed emergency vehicle, equipment and supplies.

It is recommended that Regional Council authorize the donation of one decommissioned York Region EMS ambulance plus supplies and equipment to the Friends of Ecuador.

For more information on this report, please contact Brad Meekin, General Manager of the Emergency Medical Services Branch of the Health Services Department.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was circulated with the May 3, 2007 Committee agenda.)