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LTC FACILITY LEGISLATIVE COMPLIANCE REPORT 2006 (FIRE AND LIFE SAFETY, OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY)

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

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council receive for information the appended reports (*see Attachments 1 and 2*) regarding compliance with legislated fire protection and safety requirements in the Regional Long Term Care (LTC) Centres.
2. Council receive for information the appended report (*see Attachment 3*) regarding compliance with the regulations made under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act* legislating and governing safety standards in health care facilities.

2. PURPOSE

These reports are provided to the Regional Council, as the governing body of the Regional LTC Facility Program to facilitate their legislated responsibility for ensuring that the Newmarket and Maple Health Centres are in compliance with applicable Fire Protection and Safety and Occupational Health and Safety legislation.

3. BACKGROUND

In accordance with applicable LTC legislation, the governing body of a municipal LTC facility is responsible for ensuring that the facility is operating in compliance with the legislation and regulations governing fire protection and safety and occupational health and safety.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The attached reports identify the status of compliance at the Newmarket and Maple Health Centres with the criteria and requirements for Life Safety and Occupational Health and Safety established in the *Long-Term Care Act*, the *Homes for the Aged and Rest Homes Act*, and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*, including the regulation governing health care and residential facilities.

The inspections identified in these reports were compiled both internally by the designated Regional staff and externally through agencies such as Ontario Hydro, the Ontario Fire Marshall's Offices, etc.

We are pleased to report that both the Maple and Newmarket Health Centres are in full compliance with the current fire and building codes and the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Any improvements or charges were accommodated within existing budget allocations.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There is no local municipal impact associated with these reports.

7. CONCLUSION

For the year 2006, the Maple and Newmarket Health Centres continued to operate in compliance with all applicable legislation governing Fire Protection and Safety and Occupational Health and Safety.

For more information on this report, please contact Shawn Turner, General Manager of the Long Term Care and Seniors Branch of the Health Services Department.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachments referred to in this clause are attached to this report.)