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APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRST ALTERNATE REGIONAL FIRE COORDINATOR

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, February 9, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Regional Council confirm the appointment of Chief Greg Senay, City of Vaughan Fire Department as Alternate Regional Fire Co-ordinator, under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act.*

2. The Regional Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate by-law for adoption by Council, to make the appointment effective March 29, 2007.

2. PURPOSE

The *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act* authorizes York Region to appoint a Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates. It is good business practice to have a Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates for the purposes of emergency planning and response.

3. BACKGROUND

Under the *Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act*, the Regional Fire Coordinator is a member of the Regional Emergency Control Group and plays an important role in developing and implementing emergency management program requirements.

Specifically, the Regional Fire Coordinator provides an up-to-date mutual aid fire plan and inventory. The Coordinator also provides advice, direction, and coordination of resources, in the event of an emergency, under the authority of the Regional emergency plan. The retirement of Chief John Sutton in 2006 leaves the First Alternate Regional Fire Coordinator position vacant.

The positions of the Regional Fire Coordinator and alternate were created in 1997. The second alternate position was created in 1999. Council appointed John Molyneaux, Fire Chief, Central York Fire Service (formerly Town of Newmarket Fire Service) and Robert

Kennedy, Fire Chief, Town of Richmond Hill to the positions of Regional Fire Coordinator and Deputy Fire Coordinator, at an annual remuneration of $3000.00 and $1,700.00 respectively, effective January 1st, 1997.

With the retirement of Chief Kennedy in 2003, the Deputy Regional Fire Coordinator position was filled by Chief John Sutton, City of Vaughan, and the second alternate position was filled by Chief Tim Beckett, Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville.

With the departure of Chief Tim Beckett in 2005, the second alternate position was filled by Deputy Chief Steve Kraft, Town of Richmond Hill.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

The local area Fire Chiefs discussed the alternate vacancy and Greg Senay volunteered to assume the responsibility. A letter, dated January 11, 2007, was subsequently sent from Mr. Michael DeAngelis, City Manager, City of Vaughan to Mr. John Molyneaux, Regional Fire Coordinator, indicating corporate approval for the Chief to take on this task.

The Province of Ontario has also sent Provincial appointment documents authorized by the *Fire Protection and Prevention Act* to Mr. Molyneaux indicating their approval and appointment under that Act.

The following Table identifies the existing and proposed Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternates.

Regional Fire Coordinator	**1st Alternate**	**2nd Alternate**
Chief John Molyneaux Central York Fire Service	Chief Greg Senay Vaughan Fire Service (effective March 29, 2007)	Deputy Chief Steve Kraft Richmond Hill Fire Service

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding in the form of an annual Honorarium fee paid by the Region to the position is provided in the Emergency Management budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator or alternates ensures resource support to the Regional Emergency Operations center during an emergency. The City of Vaughan has provided corporate approval for Chief Senay to take on this task.

7. CONCLUSION

In order to maintain an appropriate level of emergency preparedness and staffing coverage, it is recommended that the Regional Solicitor prepare the appropriate by-law to appoint Chief, Greg Senay as the first alternate Regional Fire Coordinator, effective March 29, 2007.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.