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2007 SCHEDULE OF FEES AND CHARGES

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendation contained in the following report, May 11, 2007, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the 2007 Schedule of Fees and Charges outlined in Attachment 1, be approved.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to present for approval the 2007 Schedule of Fees and Charges for Regional Services.

3. BACKGROUND

Section 391. (1) of the Municipal Act states:

“Without limiting sections 9, 10 and 11, those sections authorize a municipality to impose fees or charges on persons

- (a) for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of it;
- (b) for costs payable by it for services or activities provided or done by or on behalf of any other municipality or any local board; and
- (c) for the use of its property including property under its control. 2006, c. 32, Schedule A, s.163 (1).”

The 2007 budget includes revenues generated from external sources and are outlined in the Schedule of Fees and Charges, Attachment 1. A user fee must bear a reasonable relation to the cost of service provision. These user fees are collected by the respective departments for the provision of services to interested parties and are reflected as program revenues which assist in reducing the costs associated with the provision of these services.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Ideally, user fees are most effective when the following three conditions can be met:

- When the service involved benefits the individuals who use it
- When those who don't benefit from it can be excluded from payment

- When fees can be collected efficiently

These fees can promote efficiency in the consumption of goods and services. In addition, the costs associated with the service are borne directly by the benefiting party. The Schedule of Fees and Charges is available for reference in the Regional Clerk's office and on the Region's website at www.york.ca.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Region's fees and charges generate an annual revenue stream of approximately \$49 million, or 4.0% of the total annual operating budget. The fees shown in this report are reflected in the 2007 budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Schedule of Fees and Charges does not have any direct impact on local municipalities.

7. CONCLUSION

The 2007 Schedule of Fees and Charges generates an annual revenue stream of approximately \$49M and has been included in the 2007 operating budget. These fees are submitted for approval by Committee and Council.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.

(The attachment referred to in this clause was included in the agenda for the June 7, 2007 Committee meeting.)