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2009 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee recommends that:

- 1. The presentation from Joann Simmons, Commissioner of Community and Health Services and Dennis Norton, Managing Director, Business Operations and Quality Assurance regarding the 2009 Capital Budget be received; and,**
- 2. The recommendations contained in the following report, October 24, 2008, from the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance be adopted.**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The 2009 Capital Business Plans and Budgets, as tabled with Regional Council October 23, 2008, for Emergency Medical Services and Long Term Care be recommended for approval and;
2. The Committee's recommendations pertaining to these budgets be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance for submission to the December 4, 2008 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the 2009 Regional Capital Business Plans and Budgets for Emergency Medical Services and Long Term Care for consideration and recommendation by Health and Emergency Medical Services Committee and further considered for adoption by Regional Council at their meeting of December 18, 2008.

3. BACKGROUND

The 2009 Capital Business Plans and Budgets were tabled with Regional Council on October 23, 2008. It was received and referred to Standing Committees for their consideration and recommendation.

The 2009 Business Plans and Budgets for Capital include projects for new capital infrastructure, replacement or rehabilitation in support of growth and development within York Region.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Total Project Budget Authority - Consideration for 2009 Budget Requirements and Selected Multi-Year Projects

The Total Project Budget Authority concept was introduced this year to add greater emphasis on multi-year commitments. Consideration for adoption by Regional Council is requested for all projects with 2009 budget requirements.

Table 1 below lists all budget amounts being considered for adoption by Regional Council on December 18, 2008. This table includes a list of departments, their associated 10-year budget requirements and page references to the Capital Business Plans & Budgets document. The shaded budget amounts identified in these page references detail 2009 capital budget requirements.

Table 1
2009 Capital Budget – Total Project Budget Authority

Department	2009 Budget (\$ 000's)	2010-2018 Budget (\$ 000's)	Page No.
Emergency Medical Services	2,873	0	155
Long Term Care	623	0	166
Total	3,496	0	

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Committee is being requested to consider a total of \$3.5 million in 2009 capital expenditures for Emergency Medical Services and Long Term Care. Expenditures not identified for consideration are provided for planning purposes and will be formally approved in subsequent years.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Region provides sustainable infrastructure to the residents and businesses in York Region. The challenge to meet growing demands for maintaining and increasing infrastructure continues and is addressed throughout the goals and work objectives of the Region's various business units. The review of resource needs and ongoing search for options to address and mitigate budget pressures are important elements in the budget process.

7. CONCLUSION

This report sets out the proposed 2009 capital budgets for Emergency Medical Services and Long Term Care as summarized in Table 1 above. To facilitate the completion of the budget process, it is recommended that the Committee's recommendations pertaining to the referenced budgets be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance and Treasurer, for consolidation into a report to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting on December 4, 2008.

For more information on this report, please contact Kelly Strueby, Director, Business Planning & Budget at Ext. 1611 or Beth Kodama, Manager, Capital & Development Financing at Ext 1699.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.