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PROCEEDS FROM DISSOLUTION OF GREATER TORONTO SERVICES BOARD

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends the adoption of the recommendations contained in the following report, September 24, 2003, from the Commissioner of Finance:

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. This report be received for information.
2. The proceeds of \$120,982 from the dissolution of the Greater Toronto Services Board be deposited to the Region's Capital Reserve.

2. BACKGROUND

The Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) was a corporation established without share capital under the Greater Toronto Services Board Act, 1998. The GTSB began operation in January 1, 1999 with the objective to promote and facilitate co-ordinated decision making among GTA municipalities and to exercise general direction and control over the Greater Toronto Transit Authority (GTTA). The GTSB member municipalities included the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipalities of Durham, York, Peel and Halton.

On December 5, 2001, the Province of Ontario gave Royal Assent to the GO Transit Act, 2001. This Act dissolved the GTSB on December 31, 2001 and effective January 1, 2002, the operations of the Board and control of the GTTA were transferred to the Province of Ontario as a Crown Agency.

3. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

Upon completion of the wind-up of the Greater Toronto Services Board, all remaining net assets were to be distributed to the GTSB member municipalities.

The final audit of the books of the GTSB was completed by the firm of BDO Dunwoody LLP in May 2002. The accounts were then kept open for one year in order to ensure there were no further liabilities. The accounts were duly closed in July 2003 and the funds were divided among member municipalities in accordance with the percentages used to determine the 2001 GTSB levy.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The closing balance for distribution was \$774,141. The Region of York's share of the 2001 GTSB levy was 15.628%; consequently, the Region received a cheque in the

amount of \$120,982. It is recommended that these funds be deposited into the Region's Capital Reserve for future use at the discretion of Regional Council.

5. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

There is no local impact associated with this report.

6. CONCLUSION

The operations of the Greater Toronto Services Board ceased on December 31, 2001. Upon completion of the wind-up of the GTSB, all remaining net assets were distributed to member municipalities. The Region of York received \$120,982, or 15.628% of the \$774,141 available for distribution. It is recommended that the funds be deposited to the Capital Reserve.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.