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2008 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Community Services and Housing Committee recommends that:

- 1. The presentation by Sylvia Patterson, Director of Housing Services be received; and**
- 2. The recommendations contained in the following report, October 23, 2007, from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Finance be adopted.**

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. The draft 2008 Capital Business Plans and Budget, as tabled with Regional Council October 18, 2007, for Housing, be considered by the Community Services & Housing Committee and;
2. The Committee's recommendations pertaining to this budget be forwarded to the Commissioner of Finance for submission to the November 29, 2007 meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee.

2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the report is to provide a summary of the 2008 Regional Capital Business Plans and Budget for Housing, for consideration and recommendation by Community Services & Housing Committee and further considered for adoption by Regional Council at their meeting of December 13, 2007.

3. BACKGROUND

The 2008 Capital Business Plans and Budget was tabled with Regional Council on October 18, 2007. It was received and referred to Standing Committees for their consideration and recommendation.

4. ANALYSIS AND OPTIONS

4.1 Capital Business Plans and Budget

The draft 2008 Business Plans and Budget for Capital includes projects for new capital infrastructure, replacement or rehabilitation in support of growth and development within York Region.

The capital budget for the noted departments is found in the 2008 Capital Business Plans & Budget document as posted in the following table.

Table 1
2008 Capital Budget

Department	Page No.	2008 Budget
Housing	135	\$5,721,000

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The total proposed 2008 capital budget is \$691.0 million. The above noted capital budgets total \$5.7 million or 0.8% of the total 2008 proposed capital budget.

6. LOCAL MUNICIPAL IMPACT

The Region provides essential services to the residents and businesses in York Region. The challenge to meet growing demands for increasing and improving service delivery 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 2008 capital budget for Housing, 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, who will embody them and the recommendations emanating from the other Standing Committees into a consolidated report to the Finance and Administration Committee on November 29, 2007.

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report.