

**STAFF ELECTED AS CHAIRPERSON OF  
THE YORK PUBLIC BUYERS CO-OPERATIVE**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services recommends:

That Council endorses the appointment of Paul Cook, Supervisor of Purchasing Services, to the office of Chairperson of the York Public Buyers Co-operative (YPBC) for the 2003 term.

**Purpose**

To inform Council and request their support in recognizing Paul Cook's new role as Chairperson of YPBC.

**Background**

Paul has been an active senior participant in various purchasing organizations throughout his career and recently served as Director and President of Toronto District of Purchasing Management Association of Canada.

Paul has been the City of Vaughan representative on the York Public Buyer's Co-operative for the past three (3) years. His recent election as the chairperson will enhance his role with YPBC by liaising with other government agencies within York Region and the GTA Purchasing Group. The profile and recognition of the City will also be enhanced.

The Co-operative was founded in 1989 by the four (4) municipalities (Town of Vaughan, Town of Richmond Hill, Town of Markham and Town of Aurora) and has grown to over nineteen (19) agencies today. The goal and objectives of the YPBC are:

- Maximize efficiency through eliminating duplication of effort.
- Continue search for ways to reduce or avoid excess costs.
- Develop value added, customer oriented procurement practices.
- Operate in an atmosphere that encourages teamwork, sense of ownership, information exchange and collective problem solving.
- Strive for standardization of products, service, terms and conditions wherever possible.
- Promote high standards of ethical and professional behavior in our business dealings.

**Conclusion**

Council's support for Paul's new responsibilities in the Co-operative is appreciated.

**Attachments**

None

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services