COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 14, 2007

VAUGHAN FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (VFRS) 2006 ANNUAL REPORT

Recommendation

The Fire Chief and the VFRS Senior Command, in consultation with the City Manager, recommends that this report be received as information only.

Economic Impact

This report was produced with internal resources at an approximate cost of \$1300.00 and additional funds are not required.

Communications Plan

Through anticipated co-operation of SMT, this report will be available on the City web site, in all City reception areas, Vaughan Public Libraries, VFRS Fire Stations and will be distributed to all Ratepayer Groups as well as to some peer organizations.

Purpose

To provide a summary report of activities and highlights of Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service in 2006.

Background - Analysis and Options

The 2006 Annual Report of Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service is the first annual report prepared by the department. The annual report is intended to provide a summary of the Department's activities as well as non-technical descriptions of the work of each division/program. An Operational Process Analysis conducted in 2005 by IER Consultants recommended that as part of an overall communication strategy, VFRS should develop a short annual report describing relative operations and highlights of the department.

As such this annual report will enhance communication between VFRS, Council, SMT and the citizens we serve.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved. This report conforms to:

- Goal 6.1 Establish Effective Internal Communications.
- Goal 6.4.2 Create increased awareness of the City's leadership on key issues and celebrate our successes and achievements.
- Goal 6.5 Promotion of Corporate Publications.

Regional Implications

The VFRS 2006 Annual Report has no regional implications.

Conclusion

The 2006 VFRS Annual Report documents achievements and highlights of the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service in 2006. The Annual Report is an important part of a VFRS communication strategy as recommended by IER Consultants, and will provide Council, Senior Management and our citizens with an overview of the types and categories of service provided by VFRS in 2006.

Attachments

Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service 2006 Annual Report (For Members of Council – under separate copy)

Copies of the 2006 Annual Report are available through the Fire Chief's Office.

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Respectfully submitted,

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