

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 31, 2009

REPLACEMENT OF MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE CREDIT VALLEY, TORONTO REGION AND CENTRAL LAKE ONTARIO REGION SOURCE PROTECTION COMMITTEE AS REQUIRED UNDER THE "CLEAN WATER ACT"

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

1. The City endorse the Regional Municipality of York's choice of Laura McDowell as the municipal representative for York Region and its constituent local municipalities, on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee, and a copy of the Council extract be sent to Mr. Brian Denney, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Source Protection Authority, 5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview, Ontario, M3N 1S4;
2. A copy of the Council extract endorsing the member be sent to Ms. Barbara Bridle, Committee Co-ordinator, Regional Clerk's Office, The Regional Municipality of York, 17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 6Z1

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as a result of this report.

Communications Plan

Not Applicable

Purpose

To provide local Council endorsement of the new representative selected by York Region to represent the area municipalities on the various Source Protection Committees (SPC's) that impact the Region and its area municipalities.

Background - Analysis and Options

In September of 2007, the "Clean Water Act" came into effect. The Act is designed to provide a basis for protecting water at its source to ensure safe drinking water for all Ontarians. Under the Act, source protection plans must be created for each watershed. There are two SPC's in York Region. There is the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee, as well as the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee.

As membership in the committees is limited to one third municipal members, and there are numerous municipalities covered by the various watershed areas, York Region staff were selected to represent the Region and its area municipalities on the two SPC's. However, the staff person previously selected and endorsed to sit on one of these committees (Mr. Neil Garbe), is no longer working for York Region. As such, a new appointee had to be selected and appointed by Regional Council.

At its meeting of February 19, 2009, Regional Council appointed Ms Laura McDowell to replace Neil Garbe as the municipal representative for York Region and the constituent municipalities on the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee.

The Region has indicated that the new appointee meets the qualifications prescribed by the Regulations and recommendations by the Ministry of the Environment, and is well positioned to keep all of the local municipalities informed as to the activities of the committee. As such, it is recommended that Vaughan Council approve the recommendation contained in this report and endorse York Region's appointment of this person to sit on the Source Protection Committee that impact York Region and the area municipalities.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This ties into Vaughan Vision 2020's Goal of "Service Excellence", and the Objective to "Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness".

Regional Implications

As was noted earlier, the Region has appointed Laura McDowell to the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee. Local Councils were requested to endorse this appointment.

Conclusion

As a result of staff changes at the Regional Municipality of York, a new appointee had to be made to the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee. As such, it is recommended that Council approve the recommendation contained in this report.

Attachments

N/A

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