

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 23, 2009**

### **VAUGHAN FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (VFRS) 2008 ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **Recommendation**

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

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

N/A

#### **Economic Impact**

The 2008 annual report was produced with internal resources at an approximate cost of \$1,800.00 and additional funds are not required.

#### **Communications Plan**

Through anticipated co-operation of the Senior Management Team (SMT), the 2008 annual 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 2008.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The 2008 Annual Report of Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service is the third 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 which has been very well received over the past two years by members of the Ratepayers Association, citizens and staff.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

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

- Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, health & Wellness
- Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery
- Value & Encourage a Highly Motivated Workforce
- Citizens first through service Excellence

### **Regional Implications**

The VFRS 2008 Annual Report has no regional implications.

### **Conclusion**

The VFRS Annual Report documents achievements and highlights of the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service in 2008. 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 2008.

### **Attachments**

Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service, Annual Report 2008 (For Members of Council – under separate cover).

Copies of the 2008 Annual Report are available through the Office of the Fire Chief.

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Respectfully submitted,

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