

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 5, 2008**

### **MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE 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 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, 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. The City endorse the Regional Municipality of York's choice of Erin Mahoney as the Municipal representative for York Region and the constituent municipalities, on the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee, and a copy of the Council extract be sent to Mr. Don Goodyear, Manager of Source Water Protection, South Georgian bay Lake Simcoe Source Protection Region, 120 Bayview Parkway, Newmarket, Ontario, L3Y 4X1; and,
3. A copy of the Council extract endorsing both members 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 representatives 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 initially selected and endorsed to sit on these two committees are no longer working for York Region. As such, two new appointees had to be selected and appointed by Regional Council.

At its meeting of March 27, 2008, Regional Council appointed 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, and, they also appointed Erin Mahoney as the Municipal representative for York Region and the constituent municipalities, on the South Georgian Bay – Lake Simcoe Source Protection Committee. They also requested the area municipalities to formally endorse these selections through Council.

Neil Garbe is the Executive Director of Strategic Initiatives and Administration of the Chief Administrator Office for York Region. Erin Mahoney is the Commissioner of Environmental Services for York Region. The Region has indicated that both the appointees meet the qualifications prescribed by the Regulations and recommendations by the Ministry of the Environment, and are both well positioned to keep all of the local municipalities informed as to the activities of the various committees. As such, it is recommended that Vaughan Council approve the recommendations contained in this report and endorse York Region's appointment of these two persons to sit on the SPC's that impact York Region and the area municipalities.

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

This ties into Vaughan Vision's objective to Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness.

#### **Regional Implications**

As was noted earlier, the Region has appointed Neil Garbe and Erin Mahoney to the two SPC's that affect York Region and the area municipalities. Local Councils were requested to endorse these appointments.

#### **Conclusion**

As a result of staff changes at the Regional Municipality of York, new appointees had to be made to the two Source Protection Committee's that affect York Region and its area municipalities. As such, it is recommended that Council approve the recommendations contained in this report.

#### **Attachments**

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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