

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 16, 2008

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH YORK REGIONAL POLICE FOR THE SHARED USE OF A COMPUTER AIDED DISPATCH SYSTEM

Recommendation

The Fire Chief in consultation with the City Manager and with the Director of Legal Services recommends that:

- 1) A by-law be enacted to authorize execution of a Memorandum of Understanding, in a form satisfactory to the Fire Chief and City Manager, between the City of Vaughan and York Regional Police for the purchase and shared use of a Computer Aided Dispatch System.

Economic Impact

Council approved \$600,000 in the 2008 Capital Budget for the acquisition and installation of a Computer Aided Dispatch system in the new communications office at the Joint Operations Centre.

Communications Plan

The VFRS is planning an open house for the media when the CAD system goes live in October, 2008.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain authorization for the Mayor and Clerk to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with York Regional Police that will allow the VFRS to purchase the Versadex FireCAD module that will allow the VFRS access to the York Regional Police Versadex CAD system.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting of October 9, 2007, staff were directed to negotiate a partnership with York Regional Police and the Town of Richmond Hill in order to share the Versaterm Computer Aided Dispatch System currently owned by York Regional Police and report back to Council as part of the 2008 Capital Budget. Council further approved the project as part of the 2008 Capital Budget.

Vaughan and Richmond Hill have negotiated parallel agreements with York Regional Police which are separate but contain the same conditions. The MOU outlines the conditions for acquiring and implementing the Versadex FireCAD module, continuing support and annual maintenance (including hardware evergreening), cost sharing, a general operating agreement, security requirements, GIS mapping information from York Region Geomatics, and licensing agreements.

York Regional Police and the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service negotiated an MOU designed to put the citizens of Vaughan first, since both organizations serve the same people. All expenses were determined solely on the basis of recovering the costs associated with giving Vaughan access to the system.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This project is related to the Vaughan Vision 2020 through objectives:

Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery
Enhance Productivity, Cost Effectiveness, and Innovation

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

Regional Implications

York Regional Police and the York Regional Police Services Board are regional organizations and they have notified the Region of York of this partnership through their budgeting processes.

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan and York Regional Police have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding that will serve the citizens of Vaughan extremely well, both in terms of enhanced emergency response and financial savings.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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