

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 24, 2012

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. Council endorse the Regional Municipality of York's choice of Mr. Don Goodyear, Risk Management Official – Source Water Protection, to be the municipal representative for York Region and its constituent local municipalities, and most particularly to represent City of Vaughan interests, on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee; and,
2. A copy of the Council extract endorsing this appointment be sent to Mr. Don Goodyear, Risk Management Official – Source Water Protection, 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 affected area municipalities, and the Region, on the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee.

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 Source Protection Committees (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.

Membership in the committees is limited to one third municipal members, and there are numerous municipalities covered by the various watershed areas. Accordingly, York Region staff were selected to represent the Region and its area municipalities on the two SPC's.

The original staff appointment to the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee was made in 2008, and endorsed by Vaughan Council. A change to the staff representative was made in 2009, and that change was also endorsed by Vaughan Council.

On February 16, 2012, Regional Council made another change and appointed Mr. Don Goodyear as the representative to sit on the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee, and requested that the local municipal councils of King Township, the Town of Markham, the City of Vaughan, the Town of Aurora, and the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville, endorse this appointment.

In order to implement and manage the requirements under the Act and the Plans, the Region has created a new position and has hired Mr. Don Goodyear as their Risk Management Official – Source Water Protection. The Region indicated in their report that Mr. Goodyear is the first Risk Management Official appointed in Ontario, and as such, is well positioned to keep local municipalities informed as to the work of the Source Protection Committee. In addition, the report indicates that Mr. Goodyear meets the qualifications prescribed by the Regulations and recommendations by the Ministry of the Environment.

Given the above, and in response to the Region's request for the affected local municipalities to endorse this appointment, it is recommended that Vaughan Council approve the recommendations contained in this report.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Goal: Service Excellence
Objective: Lead & Promote Environmental Sustainability

Regional Implications

The Region has appointed Mr. Don Goodyear to the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee, and has sought local Council endorsement of this appointment.

Conclusion

Membership on the SPC's is limited, and the geographical area impacted by their respective Source Protection Plans crosses local municipal boundaries. As such, it was decided previously that the representatives that sit on these committees would be from York Region, and they would represent the affected local municipalities as well as the Region.

The Region has recently made staffing changes and has appointed Mr. Don Goodyear, Risk Management Official – Source Water Protection, to the Credit Valley, Toronto Region and Central Lake Ontario Region Source Protection Committee.

As Mr. Goodyear would represent the local municipalities, and most particularly in consultation with City staff, would represent the City of Vaughan's interests as they may be affected by the Credit Valley, Toronto and Region, and Central Lake Ontario Source Protection Committee, local Council endorsement of this appointment is required.

Attachments

N/A

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