

Clause 6 in Report No. 17 of Committee of the Whole was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of The Regional Municipality of York at its meeting held on November 17, 2016.

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Appointment of the Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate

Committee of the Whole recommends adoption of the following recommendation contained in the report dated November 10, 2016 from the Chief Administrative Officer:

1. It is recommended that this report be received for information.
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Report dated November 10, 2016 from the Chief Administrative Officer now follows:

Appointment of the Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate 2016

1. Recommendations

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

2. Purpose

This report is to advise Council of the appointment of Chief Ian Laing from Central York Fire Services as the Regional Fire Coordinator, and Chief David Decker from the City of Markham Fire and Emergency Services as an alternate Regional Fire Coordinator, by the Provincial Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management. Under the Provincial *Fire Protection and Prevention Act*, the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management appoints the Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates.

### 3. Background and Any Previous Council Direction

The previous Regional Fire Coordinator has vacated the position and one of the alternates has accepted the role, requiring the two new appointments

The position of Regional Fire Coordinator has been in effect at York Region since 1971.

As a result of the retirement of Chief Bill Snowball, the Regional Fire Coordinator position has been vacated. At the June 8, 2016 meeting of the York Region Fire Chiefs Association, Chief Ian Laing of Central York Fire Services who had been acting as an alternate, was recommended by his peers as the Regional Fire Coordinator, and Chief David Decker of the City of Markham Fire and Emergency Services was recommended as an alternate Regional Fire Coordinator. Chief Phil Dawson of the Town of East Gwillimbury Emergency Services remains the second alternate Fire Coordinator. Chief Laing has received full support of the Towns of Newmarket and Aurora and Chief David Decker has received full support from the City of Markham. Based on the decisions noted above, the formal process to confirm the appointments was initiated as outlined below.

### 4. Analysis and Implications

The process for the appointment of a new Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate Regional Fire Coordinator has been followed

There are three steps required to fill the position of the Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate:

1. The local municipal Fire Chiefs select candidates to fulfill the role of the Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate. (This occurred at the June 8, 2016 York Region Fire Chiefs' Association meeting)
2. The Chief Administrative Officers of the local municipalities which the selected candidates are from must support the recommendation
3. The outgoing Regional Fire Coordinator forwards the recommendations to the Ontario Fire Marshal and Emergency Management for approval under the Fire Protection and Prevention Act. The Fire Marshal appoints the Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternates under the *Fire Protection & Prevention Act 1997, c. 4, s. 7 (1)* (This occurred July 25, 2016).

The process for the appointment of a new Regional Fire Coordinator and alternate has been followed and all of the required documentation has been received by York Region.

Link to key Council-approved plans

The Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates are an integral part of York Region's Emergency Management Program which supports the Strategic Priority area to Provide Responsive and efficient Public Service in the *2015 to 2019 Strategic Plan*. In addition, the program supports the *Vision 2051 goal area -A Place Where Everyone Can Thrive*, through promoting safe and secure communities. York Region's Emergency Management Program protects public safety and helps to create disaster-resilient communities.

## 5. Financial Considerations

Funding for the Regional Fire Coordinator and alternate positions are included in the Office of the Chief Administrative Officers 2016 Budget in the form of an annual honorarium in the amount of \$3,400 and \$1,800 respectively.

## 6. Local Municipal Impact

The role of the Regional Fire Coordinator and alternates assists the Region and local municipalities during an emergency by ensuring fire resources are available and supported through the Regional Emergency Operations Centre. The Towns of Newmarket and Aurora Chief Administrative Officers support the appointment of Chief Ian Laing as the Regional Fire Coordinator, and the City of Markham Chief Administrative Officer supports the appointment of Chief David Decker as an alternate Regional fire Coordinator. The second alternate Fire Coordinator, Chief Phil Dawson from the Town of East Gwillimbury Emergency Services, remains unchanged.

## 7. Conclusion

The position of Regional Fire Coordinator has been in effect at York Region since 1971.

## Appointment of the Regional Fire Coordinator and Alternate 2016

The positions of Regional and alternate fire coordinators play a key role in effective emergency planning and response through coordination of Fire Services. The previous Regional Fire Coordinator has vacated the position, requiring a new Regional Fire Coordinator and alternate to be appointed. The process to fill the position has been followed and it is recommended that Council receive this report which informs Council of the appointment of Chief Ian Laing, Central York Fire Services as the Regional Fire Coordinator, and Chief David Decker, City of Markham Fire and Emergency Services as the alternate effective July 25, 2016.

For more information on this report, please contact Morris Faccin, Manager, Emergency Management at ext. 71212

The Senior Management Group has reviewed this report. November 10, 2016

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