
DATE: June 16, 2010

REPORT TITLE: **PROVINCIAL APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF ONTARIO WORKS ADMINISTRATOR FOR THE REGION OF PEEL**

FROM: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services

RECOMMENDATION

That Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou be appointed as Ontario Works Administrator and Juliet Jackson be appointed as Ontario Works Administrator designate, as set out in the resolution attached to the report of the Commissioner of Human Services, dated June 16, 2010;

And further, that this Resolution be sent to the Central West Region office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for processing and provincial approval.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- *The Ontario Works Act, 1997*, requires the appointment of an Administrator of Ontario Works and a designate, to oversee the administration of this *Act* in Peel Region. This appointment should be made through a resolution of Council.
- Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou is currently Acting Director of Ontario Works in Peel Region and is recommended for the appointment of Ontario Works Administrator for up to one-year.
- Juliet Jackson is the Director of the Client and Community Access Division and is recommended as Ontario Works Administrator designate due to the connection of Ontario Works administration between the two Divisions.
- This appointment requires the approval of the provincial Director of Ontario Works.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

Pursuant to Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, each delivery agent of Ontario Works (OW) must appoint an administrator and designate to oversee the administration of this *Act* and the provision of assistance in the delivery agent's geographic area. Through a ministerial regulation under the *Act*, the province has designated the Region of Peel as the delivery agent of Ontario Work in Peel Region. The same section of the *Act* requires that the Provincial Director of Ontario Works approve the appointment of an Ontario Works Administrator.

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In order for the Provincial Director of Ontario Works to approve the appointment of an Ontario Works Administrator and designate for Peel Region, Regional Council must appoint a Regional staff person to this position. It is usual practice that the Director of Ontario Works in Peel be named Administrator of Ontario Works for Peel in keeping with Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act*.

2. Proposed Direction

Lisa Duarte, the current Director of Ontario Works, is on temporary leave for up to one year and Regional Council needs to appoint a new Administrator and designate of Ontario Works for Peel.

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou is the current "Acting" Director of Ontario Works in Peel, following a competition for this position. It is recommended that Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou be appointed Ontario Works Administrator for up to one year, and Juliet Jackson, Director of the Client and Community Access Division, as designate. The resolution is attached to this report.



Janet Menard
Commissioner of Human Services

Approved for Submission:



D. Szwarc, Chief Administrative Officer

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APPENDIX I

Resolution – Appointment of Lisa Duarte as Ontario Works Administrator for Peel Region

Whereas Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*, requires each delivery agent of Ontario Works (OW), to appoint an administrator to oversee the administration of this Act and the provision of assistance in the delivery agent's geographic area;

And whereas, the same section of the Act requires that the Provincial Director of Ontario Works to approve the appointment of an Ontario Works Administrator for a delivery agent's geographic area;

And whereas, under a regulation of this Act, the province has designated the Region of Peel as the delivery agent of OW in Peel region;

And whereas, with the leave of the current Director of Ontario Works, Lisa Duarte, in June, Regional Council needs to appoint a new Administrator of Ontario Works in Peel.

And whereas, Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou is the current "Acting" Director of Ontario Works for the Region of Peel, following a competition for this position;

Therefore be it resolved that the Region of Peel appoint Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou as Administrator of Ontario Works in Peel region, and Juliet Jackson as designate;

And further, that a copy of this resolution and report be sent to the Central West Region Office of the Ministry of Community and Social Services for processing and approval by the Provincial Director of Ontario Works.