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REPORT TITLE: **PARAMEDIC FACILITY CO-LOCATION WITH THE TOWN OF CALEDON**

FROM: Janette Smith, Commissioner of Health Services
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Regional Municipality of Peel enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Health Services and the Commissioner of Employee and Business Services) with The Corporation of the Town of Caledon to commence design and renovation of a co-located Fire and Paramedic Satellite Station located at 2 Snelcrest Drive in the Town of Caledon;

And further, that the Commissioner of Health Services be given the delegated authority to execute the Memorandum of Understanding and any and all other documents and agreements relating to the co-locate Fire and Paramedic Station referred to herein, including but not limited to the design agreements, construction agreements, leases, and/or co-tenancy agreements.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- In June 2007, Regional Council adopted a Divisional Model for the development of Paramedic facilities.
- Regional Council directed staff through resolution 2007-248 to examine the feasibility of co-location sites with new or existing police or fire stations and report their findings to Regional Council.
- Staff has identified the opportunity to renovate a co-located Paramedic Satellite Station with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services at 2 Snelcrest Drive.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The Council approved Peel Regional Paramedic Services (PRPS) facility model for the Region of Peel is organized similar to that of the Divisional model employed by Peel Regional Police. Small Satellite Stations are organized around large Reporting Stations within Brampton and Mississauga, along with existing and proposed new co-located stations serving the Town of Caledon. The service delivery model has Paramedics reporting to a Reporting Station and being provided with a vehicle that has been cleaned and fully equipped by specialized on-site make-ready staff. During their shift, Paramedics will be assigned to Satellite Stations for ready response in the community.

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The location of new and existing stations in Caledon was confirmed in the findings of the HealthAnalytics report recommendations adopted by Regional Council. In 2007, Regional Council further directed staff through resolution 2007-248 to examine the feasibility of co-location sites with new or existing police or fire stations and report their findings to Regional Council.

2. Proposed Direction

In accordance with Regional Council direction, staff has continued to liaise with municipal partners to identify potential sites to develop paramedic facilities. Staff recently identified the following opportunity to expand the existing co-locate facility with Caledon Fire and Emergency Services to conform to current station design criteria.

2 Snelcrest Drive – Satellite Station (Ward 2 – Caledon)

The subject property is located near the intersection of Snelcrest Drive and Valleywood Boulevard and is suitable for continued co-location between the Paramedic Satellite Station and the existing Town of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services Station #307. Town of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services expressed a need for additional space for their operations. As a result, the parties have agreed to work together to redevelop the site. The project involves renovating and expanding the Fire Station to add approximately 1,500 square feet to the existing Fire Station to accommodate space for Fire and Emergency Services staff training, storage and offices. In addition, an approximately 2,400 square foot Paramedic Station will be constructed on the west side of the existing Fire Station and will consist of one (1) bay drive through station that will accommodate two (2) ambulances along with associated staff and personnel.

This facility will be developed in co-operation with the Town of Caledon staff with design and construction contracts being managed collaboratively with the Region of Peel as lead on the project. The estimated completion date for this facility is December 2012.

Staff have entered into discussions with the Town of Caledon regarding a Memorandum of Understanding for execution that outlines the guiding principles of the project. The cost for design and construction will be shared between the Region of Peel and the Town of Caledon based on the relative scope of work of the Fire Station and the Paramedic Satellite Station. It is anticipated that the cost to develop the Paramedic Satellite Station will be approximately \$850,000 which is considered appropriate for a satellite station of this size.

The Town of Caledon will be the owner of the entire site and the Region will lease from the Town the portion of the land occupied by the Satellite Station for a term of 99 years. The capital investment by the Region in the satellite station plus one time payment for the portion of the site used for the station will be recognized by the Town as a value that will off set the rent that otherwise would have been paid over this period. The Region will contribute to its share of operating costs such as utilities and snow clearing.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Funding for this co-locate will be utilized from the approved 2010 Capital Budget in cost centre 10-7810.

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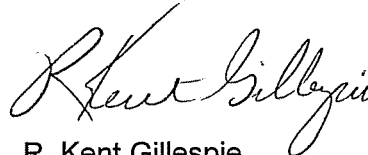
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CONCLUSION

Staff continue to seek co-locate and cost sharing arrangements to minimize duplication in the delivery of emergency services from shared facilities and maximize the number of efficiencies arising from our joint development projects.



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