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REPORT
Meeting Date: November 24, 2011
Regional Council

DATE: October 5, 2011

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 in Accordance with Section 43 of the *Ontario Works Act, 1997*;

And further, that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Central West Regional 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 to oversee the administration of this Act in Peel Region. This appointment should be made through a resolution of Council.
- Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou was the successful candidate in the recent competition for Director of Ontario Works in Peel Region, and is recommended for appointment of Ontario Works Administrator.
- 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 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 OW 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.

In order for the Provincial Director of Ontario Works to approve the appointment of an OW Administrator 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.*

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CONCLUSION

With the previous Director, Lisa Duarte, moving to the Strategic Planning, Policy and Partnerships Division, Regional Council needs to appoint a new Administrator of Ontario Works for Peel.

Stella Danos-Papaconstantinou was the successful candidate in the recruitment for the Ontario Works in Peel Director. Therefore, it is recommended that Regional Council appoint Ms. Danos-Papaconstantinou as the OW Administrator by passing a resolution of Council.

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