

Whereas; the consolidation of fire services throughout York Region may increase service levels without increasing costs and;

Whereas; an increase in service levels ultimately will lead to enhanced public safety and firefighter safety and;

Whereas; regionalization could put min staffing levels in accordance with those recommended by NFPA 1500 and 1710.

Whereas; improved response capabilities will have a direct impact on patient outcomes as well as property loss and;

Whereas; regionalization of fire services may also lead to cost savings and other operating efficiencies and will allow for more effective utilization of resources in the future and;

Whereas; the possible cost savings realized by Georgina could be used to enhance service levels in other priority services for the residents of Georgina.

Therefore be it resolved;

That the Region of York, be requested to investigate the feasibility of consolidating the Fire services of all Municipalities within the Region of York;

And be it further resolved;

That a Steering Committee be established for the study which would include senior staff from local municipalities to consider the details and impact of consolidation on the following:

- Service levels to the residents of York Region,
- Financial implications,
- The ability to reach consensus with Fire Service Labour Organizations within the Region of York,

And be it further resolved;

The study results be communicated by July 1, 2013.