

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

FEDERAL FUNDING: 2500 POLICE OFFICERS

Approved: February 25, 2009

WHEREAS, during the 2006 federal election campaign, the federal Conservative Party of Canada committed to sustainable funding for the hire of 2,500 new municipal police officers, recognizing the need for additional front-line police resources in communities across Canada; and

WHEREAS, once elected, the federal Conservative Party, as part of its 2008 federal budget, committed \$400 million in a trust fund for five years to fulfill its commitment; and

WHEREAS it is well recognized by the police community, and by the federal government itself, that this does not meet the commitment made in 2006, an example being funding provided for the York Regional Police for the hire of 10 additional police officers for a five-year period only, with costs beyond that point to be borne by municipal taxpayers solely through an increase in property taxes; and

WHEREAS police leaders recognize the need for additional police resources is even more vital and urgent in 2009, given the increase in violent crime, and as evidenced by recent statements made by the Prime Minister of Canada and the Minister of Community Safety in response to gang violence in the Vancouver area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board put forward a resolution to the Canadian Association of Police Boards, with endorsement sought by the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police, the Canadian Police Association and the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards, urging the federal government to fulfill its commitment made in 2006 for sustainable funding for the permanent hire of 2,500 additional municipal police officers.