

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

PROVINCIAL ANTI-VIOLENCE INTERVENTION STRATEGY

Approved: February 25, 2009

WHEREAS the provincial government in 2006 committed \$51 million to combat gun and gang violence; and

WHEREAS based on a successful pilot project with the Toronto Police Service, in 2007, the provincial government expanded the program with a funding commitment of \$6 million through the Provincial Anti-Violence Intervention Strategy (P.A.V.I.S.) to police services in the Greater Toronto Area; and

WHEREAS this program has been extremely successful, with the funding delivering tangible and meaningful results; and

WHEREAS the provincial government has opted to expand this program on a '*one-time*' basis across Ontario without the certainty of continued funding for those agencies already receiving P.A.V.I.S. funding, despite its proven success in suppressing gang and gun violence; and

WHEREAS it is well recognized that a continuous, coordinated and targeted effort is required to combat the insidious effects of gang and gun violence, and P.A.V.I.S is a proven successful provincial government program that has served to make communities safer across the Greater Toronto Area:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board apply now for a P.A.V.I.S. grant for 2009/2010 in the amount provincially allocated to the York Regional Police in anticipation of a continuation or expansion of the P.A.V.I.S. program in the provincial government's budget to be delivered in March 2009.