

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

TAXABLE STATUS OF MUNICIPAL POLICE VEHICLES

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WHEREAS provincial police vehicles, fire service vehicles, and the repair and licensing of such vehicles is exempt from the payment of provincial sales tax; and

WHEREAS municipal police service are required to pay provincial sales tax and license fees for municipal police vehicles; and

WHEREAS this is an inexplicable and unexplainable anomaly that penalizes municipal police services boards who are equally and directly engaged in the delivery of primary emergency services; and

WHEREAS this results in an unfair tax burden borne directly by municipal tax payers through the payment of property taxes; and

WHEREAS this issue has been raised repeatedly by various police organizations, such as the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police since 2006; and

WHEREAS if the provincial government had acted in 2006 to correct the situation and afforded the same tax treatment to municipal police services as provided the Ontario Provincial Police and fire services, it would have freed up millions of dollars for municipal police services to fund needed front-line programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board request that the provincial government afford municipal police services the same tax treatment as provided the Ontario Provincial Police and fire services and exempt the purchase of municipal police vehicles, and the repair and licensing of such vehicles from the provincial sales tax.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board seek the support of Regional Council; area members of provincial parliament; the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards; and through the OAPSB, the support of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police and the Police Association of Ontario for this resolution.

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