

REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK POLICE SERVICES BOARD

RESOLUTION

28 JANUARY 2009

**Forfeited Offence-Related Property / Proceeds of Crime /
Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities**

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board recognizes that criminal organizations perpetrate crimes largely for financial gain, and that Proceeds of Crime, Offence-Related Property and Civil Remedies for Illicit Activities legislation provides policing organizations with effective tools to disrupt and combat organized crime; and

WHEREAS the seizure and subsequent forfeiture of offence-related property and proceeds of crime is an effective means of disrupting organized crime, limiting the profits associated to criminal acts and discouraging recidivist impaired drivers from re-offending; and

WHEREAS the enhancement of police resources to apply asset forfeiture legislation will reduce crime, increase returns to the government, and ultimately makes our communities safer; and

WHEREAS the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board supports the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACCP) and Ontario Association of Chiefs of Police (OACP) positions with respect to the use of forfeited asset.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board calls upon the Government of Ontario to provide appropriate annual funding from the Province's Proceeds of Crime Fund that will ensure the on-going development of asset forfeiture among Ontario police services;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board calls upon the Federal Government to amend the *Forfeited Property Sharing Regulations* to include a cost recovery component to local jurisdictions or municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board calls upon the Federal Government to revisit the Provincial Memoranda of Understanding to incorporate a cost recovery clause mandating reimbursement of costs to local jurisdictions or municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Regional Municipality of York Police Services Board calls upon the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards and the Canadian Association of Police Boards to express their support of this resolution.