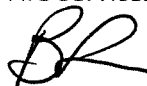

MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Brenda Librecz – Commissioner, Community and Fire Services

PREPARED BY: Mary Creighton – Director Recreation Services 

CC: Andy Taylor , CAO

DATE: December 6, 2016

SUBJECT: 2016 YORK REGION SENIOR STRATEGY – THINKING AHEAD

The 2016 York Region Senior Strategy – Thinking Ahead approved by York Region Council was recently forwarded to you via email from the Clerk's office.

The Strategy provides direction on how York Region will respond to the growing senior's population over the next 10 to 20 years by establishing; the Region's role; overarching policy direction; guiding principles; and specific action and advocacy area.

Within the report York Region identified the need to ensure development of strong working relations with local municipalities. As identified in the report, "given the complex interconnected relationships among the various players within the human services system responding to seniors, it is important for the Region to align and partner with other levels of government, particularly local municipalities."

Successful implementation of the York Region Seniors Strategy requires alignment with local strategies, information sharing, knowledge transfer and identifying areas for collaboration.

The City of Markham is currently finalizing it's Older Adult Strategy which was launched in the Spring of 2016. The consulting firm urban Metrics was retained to lead the development of the strategy, working with the a staff work team. The outcomes of the Markham strategy as defined by the project outline presented to Council in April 2016 are: 1) Age Friendly Community Transformation; 2) Affordable and sustainable pricing framework for programs and services: and 3) Definition of age ranges for corporate use. Staff anticipates that a draft of the strategy will be presented to Council in early Q2 – 2007 following input from the Senior's Advisory Committee.

Throughout the development of the strategy work by both parties, York Region and Markham, there was sharing of information and outcomes to ensure that recommendations within each of the strategies would be aligned and supportive of the work being undertaken

Staff will ensure that we continue to work with York Region, respond to information and ensure we are represented on Regional work teams as required. Staff will provide ongoing status updates to Council as required. We have requested copies of the report for each member of council