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TO/DEST. The Chair and Members of Regional Council

FROM/EXP. Director, Finance and Administration Division
Environment and Transportation Department

SUBJECT/OBJET **PURCHASE OF HYDRANTS
(IN ACCORDANCE WITH *CORPORATE POLICY*
MANUAL SECTION 4.6.9.)**

INTRODUCTION

Occasionally, the standard report routing process to Committee is not viable due to unusual circumstances and Section 4.6.9. of the Corporate Policy Manual addresses these situations. The Water Division recently followed this section of the Corporate Policy Manual for the purchase of hydrants.

BACKGROUND

The hydrant replacement program was established to ensure that Regional hydrants meet the Ontario Fire Code. The program was implemented to ensure that obsolete hydrants are replaced to ensure adequate water supply is available when required by the Fire Department. The program replaces obsolete hydrants in the distribution system for which replacement parts are no longer available.

There are approximately 13,800 hydrants in the water distribution system which are tested to ensure they meet fire supply standards. The requirement to replace hydrants varies from year to year and for example, in 1995, 54 hydrants were replaced. In 1996, 114 hydrants have been replaced to date to improve fire fighting capabilities.

DISCUSSION

Emco Supply Limited was the successful low bidder for the supply of hydrants on tender 0830-73AA-T2/95 which expired in March of 1996. The contract for 1996/1997 which was tendered in March of 1996 included many waterworks materials such as valves, hydrants and fittings. Some of the bids submitted contained irregularities and ultimately delayed the approval process.

An additional 40 hydrants were purchased from Emco Supply Ltd., the successful bidder for the 1995/1996 tender to allow the hydrant replacement program to continue until the approval process was completed. The additional 40 hydrants were purchased because of the high demand for hydrant replacements experienced in the 1st quarter of 1996 which exhausted the hydrant inventory.

CONSULTATION

The consultation process is not applicable.

EXPENDITURE JUSTIFICATION

This material is required to ensure that the water distribution system remains operational. The replacement of these hydrants improve fire fighting capabilities.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The hydrants were purchased by the Regional Stores at 951 Clyde Avenue through the inventory control Account No. 223-51004 and subsequently allocated to maintenance, capital and cost recovery accounts at the time of issue. Funds are available in the 1996 budget to accommodate the Regional Hydrant Replacement Program.

*Approved by
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FINANCE DEPARTMENT COMMENT

Funds are available as indicated.

*Approved by T. Fedec
on behalf of the Finance Commissioner*