

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MARCH 4, 2002**

**DRAFT 2002 CAPITAL BUDGET**  
**(BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING OF JANUARY 17, 2002)**

**Recommendation**

The Budget Sub-Committee recommends:

- 1) That the projects listed on Attachment 3 -“Previously Approved Taxation Funded Projects” not be funded in 2002 with the exception of the following:
  - a) Project 5812-0-01, Willis Road and Riverside, and that the \$50,000 from taxation allocated to this project be used for Maxey Park; and
  - b) That Project 1008-0-01, Vaughan Now, be reviewed in 2003;
- 2) That the projects listed above the proposed funding line on Attachment 1, “Proposed 2002 Capital Budget” be approved, subject to the following:

City Wide DC – Engineering Services

Project 1421, Applewood Cres Extension – Land Acquisition and Study, be allocated \$1,750,000 in the 2002 Capital budget;

Project 1415, Bathurst Sidewalk/Lights – New Westminster to Centre Street, in the amount of \$130,000 be added to the 2002 Capital budget.

City Wide DC – Parks Development

Project 5925, Graywood Park, be allocated \$50,000 in the 2002 Capital budget for the Park Study.

City Wide DC – Recreation

Project 7966, GA Williams Expansion – Seniors, in the amount of \$1,200,000 be added to the 2002 Capital budget and the source of funding be \$437,000 from development charges and \$763,000 from long term debt;

3. That the following projects listed on Attachment 2, “2002 Proposed Capital Funding – Taxation”, be added to the 2002 Capital Budget, to be funded from taxation:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u> <u>(\$000's)</u>
7944	Gallanough Park – install walkway lights	75
7945	Heatherton Parkette – install walkway lights	30
7947	Jersey Creek – install walkway lights	160
7969	York Hill Park – install walkway lights	50

and that the remainder of the projects under “Healthy & Safety” be deferred until such time as the needs assessment study has been completed;

4. That the following projects listed on Attachment 2, “2002 Proposed Capital Funding – Taxation”, be added to the 2002 Capital budget, and that the source of funding if feasible be development charges or alternatively staff identify an appropriate source of funding:

Project	Description	Amount (\$000's)
7951	Maple Centre Expansion, Addition to Fitness Centre and Swimming Pool	5,500
7965	Dufferin Clark Centre, Construction of Outdoor Ice Rink	1,750

5. That the monies allocated to Project 7830-0-01 (\$70,000) and an additional \$30,000 be allocated for the design fees and expansion of Project 7977 - Chancellor Community Centre, and that this project be a priority for 2003;
6. That Project 7978, Thornhill Pool – Reconstruct Building and Replace Equipment, in the amount of \$2,100,000 be added to the 2002 Capital budget and that the source of funding be taxation;
7. That the following projects listed on Attachment 2, “2002 Proposed Capital Funding – Taxation”, be added to the 2002 Capital budget and that the source of funding be taxation:

Project	Description	Amount (\$000's)
5980	Park Planting / Furniture Ward 5	25
5980	Park Planting / Furniture Ward 2	25
5980	Park Planting / Furniture Ward 3	25
5980	Park Planting / Furniture Ward 1	25
5980	Park Planting / Furniture Ward 4	25
5981	Streetscaping Ward 3	40
5981	Streetscaping Ward 4	40
5981	Streetscaping Ward 5	40
5981	Streetscaping Ward 2	40
5981	Streetscaping Ward 1	40

8. That \$1 million be allocated to Technology with \$750,000 to be used for Project 1009, Enterprise GIS, and the remaining funds to be allocated by staff where appropriate, and that the source of funding be \$700,000 from the IT reserve and the source of funding for \$300,000 to be identified by staff;
9. That Project 7974, Rosemount Community Centre – Replace Boiler, in the amount of \$50,000 be added to the 2002 Capital budget funded from taxation;
10. That \$25,000 be allocated in the 2002 Capital budget for the completion of the project with respect to the walkway between Thornhill Public School and Gallanough Park funded from taxation;
11. That staff be requested to meet with MTO and Region of York staff to explore the feasibility of a shared work agreement respecting the clean-up of roadways and ramps;
12. That the next Budget Sub-Committee meeting be held on Monday, January 28, 2002 at 10:00 a.m.; and
13. That the following report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer, dated January 17, 2002, be received.

## **Report of the Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer**

The Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer in consultation with the City Manager and the Senior Management Team recommend:

1. That the Budget Sub-Committee recommend that the attached 2002 Capital Budget (Attachment 1 and 2) totaling \$48.9M be forwarded to a future Committee of the Whole meeting;
2. That the list of capital projects approved in prior years and included in Attachment 3 not be funded in 2002; and
3. That the next steps be confirmed.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to recommend to the members of the Budget Sub-Committee that the 2002 Capital Budget be forwarded to the Committee of the Whole and to confirm the next steps.

### **Background - Analysis and Options**

In recent years Council has approved a significant amount of capital work through the annual capital budget process (2001 \$60.5M, 2000 \$53.2M). Submissions to the 2002 capital budget process totaled approximately \$94M. Two (2) of key determinates in establishing the annual capital budget are the availability of funds and the staff resources to undertake the projects.

Departments have prioritized the projects within each funding source. Finance staff have assessed the availability of funding and established a funding limit within each funding source. Financial policies previously approved by Council have been considered in establishing the funding limits.

With respect to specific funding sources, there are funding issues and constraints in some areas. More specifically taxation funded projects and projects funded from the Engineering (Roads), Fire and Parks Development Charges accounts were a concern.

Staff reviewed the capital budget submissions, particularly those where staff resources and funding were identified as an issue. The result is the Draft 2002 Capital Budget, which is attached. Each funding source has a funding line. Projects above the funding line are prioritized for approval in 2002. Those below the funding line will be reconsidered in the future.

The amount of funding available for taxation-funded projects is \$5.9M from the 2002 operating budget. The projects submitted for taxation funding total \$29M. Staff reviewed the list of taxation-funded requests and identified approximately \$7M in work that must be done. Projects beyond the \$7M would not get funding in 2002. To address the difference between the needs and available funding (\$7M - \$5.9M) staff reviewed taxation projects previously approved in order to identify potential funds. A list of taxation funded capital projects, approved in prior years, that are recommended not to be funded in 2002 is provided as Attachment 3. These projects have generally not been started and were considered a lower priority than the projects recommended for approval in 2002.

### **Conclusion**

Staff believes that the attached 2002 Capital Budget can be funded and there are the staff resources to undertake the work. With the adjustment to taxation projects previously approved the funding from the Draft 2002 Operating Budget is sufficient.

As members of the Sub-Committee are aware discussions with respect to the new resource library are ongoing and are therefore not part of this submission.

**Attachments** (Not Attached – a copy is available in the office of the City Clerk)

Attachment 1 & 2 - Proposed 2002 Capital Budget

Attachment 3 – Previously Approved Taxation Funded Projects

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair