

BUDGET COMMITTEE – FEBRUARY 16, 2005

FILLING VACANT POSITION **TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SUMMER/FALL SEMESTER COOP STUDENTS** **ENGINEERING SERVICES SECTION – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

The Contract Traffic Engineering Summer/Fall Semester Coop Student Positions in the Engineering Services Section of the Engineering Department be temporarily filled for a four-month term each starting in May 2005 and ending in August 2005 and starting September 2005 and ending December 2005.

Purpose

To seek approval to fill the Contract Traffic Engineering Summer/Fall Semester Coop Student Positions in the Engineering Services Section of the Engineering Department for a four-month term each.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Contract Traffic Engineering Coop Student position was created for the 2004 year for a compliment of three four-month terms. The Traffic Engineering Division has been successful in filling all three four-month terms in 2004. This position was again filled for the four-month term starting January 2005 and end in April 2005, however, for personal reasons, that student resigned and the position is currently vacant.

This position was created to assist Traffic Staff during the busiest times of the year upon receiving various requests from City Council and the residents. To respond to the high volume of requests this position would assist in conducting: traffic movement counts, radar studies, assist with the set up of 24-hour traffic volume equipment, school crossing guard studies, assist with the annual radar message board program and day-to-day general traffic work. To meet and respond to City Council and the residents in timely fashion, the additions of summer/fall coop student positions is essential.

The current workload in the Traffic Engineering Division requires that the position be filled for the four-month summer/fall terms starting in May 2005 and ending in August 2005 and starting September 2005 and ending December 2005. Sufficient funding is included in the draft 2005 Operating Budget for these positions.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated, but not approved.

Conclusion

As the City continues its residential and commercial growth, this position was created to assist Traffic Staff during the busiest times of the year. To meet and respond to City Council and the residents in a timely fashion the additions of a summer/fall semester coop student positions is essential.

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