COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) - JANUARY 29, 2008

2008 CITY PAGE ADVERTISING SCHEDULE

Recommendation

The Director of Corporate Communications, in consultation with the City Manager, recommends:

- 1. That Council review the opportunities provided by local newspapers for the placement of the City Page advertisements for the 2008 calendar year and determine which publications or which option described in this report will be used;
- 2. That Council direct staff to implement the 2008 City Page advertising program, once approved; and
- 3. That Council receive this report for information purposes.

Economic Impact

The placement costs of the City Page advertisements are budgeted at \$108,525 and are included in the 2008 operating budget.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to finalize the 2008 City Page advertising schedule.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 2000, Council authorized the establishment of a "City Page" to serve Vaughan residents and to be published in a newspaper with the widest circulation possible.

The Corporate Communications department was assigned responsibility for producing and managing the "City Page." Approximately 70% of "City Page" space is used for statutory ads.

Criteria for selecting a publication for City Page placements could include:

Audited Circulation – A newspaper audited by the industry-standard Canadian Circulation Audit Bureau (CCAB) can accurately report its circulation in the City of Vaughan. If this is not available, a publisher's sworn statement detailing the circulation of the publication can be requested.

City-wide Circulation – Newspapers with the widest distribution in the City of Vaughan best fulfill the City's statutory notice requirements.

Weekly frequency – A weekly publishing frequency is required for some statutory notifications.

Placement Costs – The advertising placement rate is negotiated by the Director of Corporate Communications.

Editorial Content – Newspapers publishing local news of interest to the residents and businesses of Vaughan.

Community Engagement – Certain newspapers reach specific communities or groups that may not be served by other publications.

2008 Newspaper Information

The following table lists the circulation and negotiated advertising rates for newspapers serving the City of Vaughan.

Publication	Circulation in Vaughan	Circulation Area	Audited Circulation	Page Rate	Frequency
Vaughan Citizen/Liberal	63,750	All Vaughan	Yes, CCAB	\$1,833	Weekly
Vaughan Weekly	20,000	All Vaughan	No	\$800	Weekly
Lo Specchio	28,000	Woodbridge	No	\$1,500	Weekly
Vaughan Today	69,000	All Vaughan	Yes, CCAB	\$1,486	Weekly
SNAP Vaughan	11,500	All Vaughan (boxes only)	No	\$950	Monthly
Vaughan Perspectives	52,000	All Vaughan	No	\$1,000	Weekly
Jewish Tribune	16,500	Thornhill	Yes, CCAB	\$1,850	Weekly
Shalom Toronto	6,500	Thornhill	No	\$700	Weekly

Advertising Placement Options

The following advertising placement options are provided for discussion purposes only. Option #1 includes the newspapers used for City Page placements in 2007

Publication	Frequency of placement	Cost per insertion	Total cost
Option #1 (based on 2	007 schedule)		
Vaughan Citizen/Liberal	Every 2nd week – 26 insertions	\$1,833	\$47,658
Vaughan Weekly	Every 2nd week – 26 insertions	\$800	\$20,800
Lo Specchio	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,500	\$18,000
Vaughan Today	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,486	\$17,832
		Total cost	\$104,290

Based on the selection criteria and submitted vendor information, the City's requirement is met by the Vaughan Citizen/Thornhill Liberal, published by Metroland Media Group Ltd. This is the same publisher that has been awarded City Page advertising contracts for the past five years. Option #2 provides for a weekly advertisement in one publication, which has the advantage of becoming recognized by residents as a regular feature of the paper. Regular weekly placements in one publication also would meet the requirements of other City departments for consecutive placements of statutory notices.

Option #2			
Vaughan Citizen/Liberal	Weekly – 52 insertions	\$1,833	\$95,316
Remaining budget of \$	13,209 could be used for specia	al one-off advertising c	opportunities during

Option #3 provides for monthly insertions in newspapers requesting advertising placement contracts for the City Page.

Option #3						
Vaughan Citizen/Liberal	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,833	\$21,996			
Vaughan Weekly	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$800	\$9,600			
Lo Specchio	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,500	\$18,000			
Vaughan Today	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,486	\$17,832			
SNAP Vaughan	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$950	\$11,400			
Vaughan Perspectives	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,000	\$12,000			
Jewish Tribune	Monthly – 12 insertions	\$1,850*	\$22,200			
	Total Cost	\$113,028				
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* If Shalom Toronto is selected, the cost for 12 insertions is \$8,400. Placement schedule would need to be adjusted to comply with 2008 advertising budget of \$108,525.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated in the 2008 operating budget.

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

the year.

The placement of the City Page advertising contract will provide an effective vehicle for communicating City programs and initiatives to Vaughan residents and businesses.

Attachments

Circulation maps and location lists for local newspapers (9 pages)

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

Madeline Zito Director of Corporate Communications

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Insert Rates

City of Vaughan – Houses - Postal Codes

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		Zone 2 - 1,996

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				Zone 6 - 4,389	

Thornhill - L4J Zone 9 - 3,366

Woodbridge -	L4H	Zone 1 - 1,840	
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