

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - DECEMBER 7, 2010

**RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS REQUEST FOR
FINALIZATION TASKS RESPECTING CITY
OF VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN 2010**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services, and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

1. That \$72,000 of the funds available in Capital Project, PL-9003-07 – Vaughan Official Plan Review be allocated to cover the work undertaken by Urban Strategies on the modifications to the policies contained in Volume 2 (Secondary Plans and area and site specific policies in the Vaughan Official Plan 2010), and;
2. That the remaining uncommitted funds of \$62,000 available in Capital Project PL-9003-07-Vaughan Official Plan Review be allocated to the Consultants or Miscellaneous portions of the Official Plan budget in order to be used for various expenses associated with the finalization of the new City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (Volumes 1 and 2) as directed by Council at its September 7, 2010 meeting.

Contribution to Sustainability

The policies within the new City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 (VOP 2010) provide for more efficient growth management. These policies relate to the creation of complete communities including sustainability, natural and built heritage protection, green and intensified built form, and transportation demand measures.

Economic Impact

The Capital Budget remaining for the Vaughan Official Plan Review Project - PL-9003-07 is \$134,000. This remaining balance will need to be utilized for work undertaken and for follow-up tasks associated with the finalization of VOP 2010 as outlined in the body of the report.

PL-9003-07 Vaughan Official Plan Review

Total approved budget	\$	3,166,600
Total spent to date		<u>2,970,500</u>
Budget available	\$	196,100
Committed funds		<u>62,100</u>
Funds available	\$	<u><u>134,000</u></u>

Communications Plan

n/a

Purpose

To request that the remainder of funds in the Capital Budget for Project PL-9003-07-VOP 2010, totaling \$134,000, be allocated to the Consultants or Miscellaneous portion of the Budget, as appropriate, in order that the funds will be available for various follow-up tasks associated with VOP 2010.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan Official Plan 2010 was adopted by Vaughan Council on September 7, 2010. This included Volume 2 which contained the Secondary Plans and area and site specific policies that are to be retained. The Volume 2 work was undertaken by staff and Urban Strategies Inc. in the summer of 2010. The Sole Source justification for two contracts was approved by the Director of Purchasing Services on August 9, 2010. One contract dealt with the Secondary Plans, Chapter 11 and one dealt with site and area specific Official Plan amendments, Chapters 12 and 13. The cost of these two contracts totaled \$72,000. The funding source was identified as the Policy Planning Operating Budget – Professional Fees, 185001.7520. Given that this expense is for work performed on the Official Plan, and given that the funds are available in the Official Plan budget, the expense more appropriately belongs in that budget. Therefore, the amount should be expensed to the Capital Project, PL-9003-07 – Vaughan Official Plan Review.

The remaining uncommitted funds of \$62,000 will be needed throughout 2011, as the Policy Planning Department will be undertaking various follow-up tasks required to finalize the Official Plan, including:

- Further work and public consultation arising from Council's directions of September 7, 2010 that staff be instructed:
 - (a) "to conduct a study of the area on the north side of Centre Street between New Westminster and Vaughan Boulevard to consider its appropriate designation for intensification; and that any changes to the current designation that is before Council today be dealt with through modifications at the York Region stage of review of this plan";

and,

 - (b) "to conduct a study of Dorian Place in relationship to the issues raised by certain residents of that street regarding its designation under the Official Plan; and that any changes to the current designation determined by that study be dealt with through modifications at the York Region stage of review of the plan".*

* The above directions require the review of aspects of the Centre Street and Yonge/Steeles Secondary Plans involving community consultation (advertising, consultant time and printing) associated demonstration plans, and policy changes.

- Modifications to text and mapping for both Volumes 1 and 2 resulting from the Region of York review, and advertising and printing related to this additional work and document modification. It will be necessary to draw from the remaining Capital Project funds as required, when undertaking these various tasks.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

The VOP 2010 is consistent with the priorities set by Council in the Vaughan Vision 2020 Plan and in particular, with the City's commitment to "plan and manage growth and economic vitality".

Regional Implications

The VOP 2010 has been prepared in consultation with Region of York Staff, and in conformity with the Region's Official Plan which was approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing on September 7, 2010.

Conclusion

The capital budget remaining for the Vaughan Official Plan Review Project PL-9003-07 is \$134,000. Of the remaining capital budget, \$72,000 should be allocated to fund the Volume 2 work by Urban Strategies and the remaining \$62,000 should be allocated to the Miscellaneous and Consultant portions of the budget in order to fund the various tasks associated with the finalization of VOP 2010 as directed by Council on September 7, 2010.

Attachments

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