

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**REPORT NO. 1 OF THE**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Vaughan  
on February 23, 2004*

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The Budget Committee met at 2:18 p.m., on February 19, 2004.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair  
Mayor Michael Di Biase (2:23 p.m.)  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Susan Kadis  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (2:38 p.m.)  
Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson

The following items were dealt with:

**APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Proceedings for the nomination of the Chair were conducted. Councillor Kadis nominated Councillor Di Vona as Chair of the Budget Committee. Councillor Tony Carella seconded the nomination. Councillor Di Vona accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Councillor Di Vona was acclaimed as Chair of the Budget Committee.

The following items were dealt with:

**1** **DRAFT 2004 BUDGET**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the Chair call a Budget Committee meeting for next week;**
- 2) That staff be directed to provide the Budget Committee with detailed information, including 2003 comparisons and variances, and 2004 funding envelopes assigned to each of the departments under each Commissioner;**
- 3) That this matter be brought forward to a Committee of the Whole meeting as soon as possible; and**
- 4) That the report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning and the Director of Reserves and Investments, dated February 19, 2004, be received.**

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**Recommendation**

The City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning and the Director of Reserves & Investments in consultation with the Senior Management Team recommend:

That three, (3), evening, Public Consultation Sessions,(7 pm to 9 pm), be approved, one in each of Maple at the Civic Centre, Woodbridge at the Al Palladini Community Centre, and Thornhill at the Garnett Williams Community Centre, to provide the public the opportunity for input into the 2004 Budget process; and

That Council approve the format of the Public Consultation Sessions included in this report; and

That the three, (3), evening, Public Consultation Sessions,(7 pm to 9 pm), including public notification, web site information, media releases and handouts for the public, etc., be coordinated by the Corporate Communications department; and

That in order to focus the public input, the following three, (3), questions be asked to the public: and;

- 1) What makes Vaughan a great City to live, work and play?
- 2) In your opinion, what are the budgetary priorities for the City in 2004?
- 3) What guidelines should Council follow in their 2004 Budget deliberations and in the future?

That the Clerks department record the comments from the public at the Public Consultation Sessions; and

That the Budget Committee give direction regarding future Budget Committee meetings.

**2 REVIEW OF THE CURRENT RECYCLING CONTAINERS (BLUE BOXES) DELIVERY**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 19, 2004, be approved, subject to replacing “Owner” where it appears in Clause 1 with “Builder”;** and
- 2) **That the deputation of Mr. Gaetano Iuorio, 22 Curtiss Court, Maple, L6A 1Y4, be received.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

1. That staff be authorized to incorporate a clause(s) in the Schedule 1 (Financial Requirements) of the Development Agreement that would require the “Owner” to purchase from the City two recycling containers per unit so that each purchaser may participate in the City’s waste diversion program; and,
2. That the existing method of providing Blue Boxes to residents, save and except those purchasing new houses that are captured in the above noted parameter, not change at this time.

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**CUSTOMER CARE CENTRE  
PRE-BUDGET APPROVAL**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated February 19, 2004, be approved; and**
- 2) That the word “customer” be replaced with “citizen” in all future references to this initiative.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the City Manager and SMT, Director of Corporate Communications, and Director of Information Technology (IT) Services, recommends:

- a) That staff presentation outlining costs and benefits related to Customer Care Centre made at the Council/SMT Retreat on February 5, 2004 be received (Attachment A);
- b) That pre-budget approval in the amount of \$530,000 (2004 Capital Budget) is given in order to commence the Customer Care Centre implementation;
- c) That the new position of Customer Care Centre Manager be approved and that staff be directed to report back on the reallocation of Customer Care Agents from within the organization as part of the implementation plan;
- d) That staff be directed to provide notice of an intention to adopt part of the 2004 Operating and Capital Budgets pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, Section 291 (1) and By-Law 394-2002, Section 4(12); and,
- e) That this report be brought forward to the Council Meeting at which the proposed adoption is to be considered.

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**WOODBIDGE EXPANSION AREA  
NEW FIRE STATION 7-9 STAFFING  
PRE-BUDGET APPROVAL REQUEST**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That Clauses 3-7 of the following report of the Fire Chief, dated February 19, 2004, be approved;**
- 2) That the alternate implementation / funding plan option for staffing the proposed Fire Station 7-9, reflecting a reduced number of new firefighters to be hired in 2004, with a 2004 Operating budget impact of \$370,000, be approved;**
- 3) That staff review and report on the allocation of fire trucks within the City of Vaughan;**
- 4) That staff be directed to bring forward a comprehensive fire strategy report; and**
- 5) That staff be directed to advise the TRCA that Council has expressed that the City of Vaughan continually endeavours to provide resources, including lands, for TRCA’s initiatives regarding**

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protection of the environment and would like to see a similar reciprocation by the TRCA for City of Vaughan's initiatives.

**Recommendation**

The Fire Chief, in consultation with the City Manager, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, recommends:

1. That the complement of the Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service BE AMENDED and APPROVED to include twenty (20) new employees: consisting of four (4) Captains and sixteen (16) Firefighters for assignment to Fire Station 7-9;
2. That:
  - eight (8) of the twenty (20) new staff be hired for Fire Station 7-9 to commence training April 19, 2004 and
  - the remaining twelve (12) new staff be hired to commence training August 9, 2004, BE APPROVED, with an operating budget impact in 2004 of \$665,375 and that the full annual impact of the new Fire Station will be approximately \$1.5 million;
3. That upon completion of the training, the new firefighters will be assigned to existing fire stations located west of Highway 400, to supplement the on-duty staffing and improve the response capability in West-Vaughan, at the discretion of the Fire Chief, until the new Fire Station 7-9 construction project is approved and completed;
4. That the Fire Chief and support staff as required, BE AUTHORIZED to engage in partnership discussions with York Region Emergency Medical Services (EMS), in regard to constructing a joint EMS Paramedic Response Station with Fire Station 7-9;
5. That the construction of the new Fire Station 7-9 and acquisition of the fire apparatus and related equipment be considered in the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations;
6. That staff be directed to provide notice of an intention to adopt part of the 2004 Operating Budget pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001, Section 291 (1) and By-Law 394-2002, Section 4(12); and
7. That this report be brought forward to the Council Meeting at which the proposed adoption is to be considered.

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**URBAN DESIGN FIELD TRIP, WASHINGTON D.C.**  
(Referred from Council meeting of February 9, 2004)

**The Budget Committee recommends that no action be taken on this matter.**

Council, at its meeting of February 9, 2004, adopted the following:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the Budget Committee; and
- 2) That the presentation by the Director of Urban Design, and material submitted dated January 27, 2004, be received.

Report of the Commissioner of Planning dated January 27, 2004

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning recommends that the presentation by Diana Birchall, Director of Urban Design Department be RECEIVED.

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**LEVEL OF SERVICE FOR WASTE COLLECTION PROGRAMS 2004**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That staff be directed to bring forward a report to the next Budget Committee meeting with respect to the level of service for waste collection programs in 2004; and**
- 2) That the verbal report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 19, 2004, be received.**

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair