

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**REPORT NO. 7 OF THE**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Vaughan  
on May 25, 2004*

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The Budget Committee met at 9:15 a.m., on April 30, 2004.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair  
Mayor Michael Di Biase (10:29 a.m.)  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Susan Kadis  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio

The Budget Committee resolved into closed session of Committee of the Whole at 2:08 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal or local board employees, and labour relations or employee negotiations, with respect to Item 3, 2004 OPERATING BUDGET - BUDGET INITIATIVES. The Budget Committee reconvened into open session at 2:20 p.m., with the following members present:

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

The following items were dealt with:

- 1** **DRAFT 2004 OPERATING BUDGET**  
(Referred from the Budget Committee Meeting of April 16 and April 21, 2004)

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the Incremental Reductions outlined in Attachment 1 of the report of the City Manager and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 16, 2004, be approved, subject to the following:**
- 1. That approval of the Fire Department's expense reduction of \$193,970 for various accounts except revenue, salary related, insurance and reserves and \$176,940 for overtime and acting pay plus applicable benefits, be deferred for staff to provide a breakdown of the expenses with recommendations and a comparison of the service level provided by area municipalities;**

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2. That the reduction of \$30,000 for advertising under Economic Technology Development & Corporate Communications, be deleted from the Incremental Reductions list;
- 3 (a) That the reduction of \$30,000 for the Civic Centre 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Security under Community Services be deleted from the Incremental Reductions list and that this service be phased out in 2005;
- (b) That the \$30,000 expense reduction for Gallanough Resource Centre be deferred for further discussion and a report regarding the License and Management Agreement;
4. That the \$4,000 expense reduction for overtime relating to Planning and Building Standards staff attendance at Committee of Adjustment meetings be deferred for staff to consult with the Committee of Adjustment and report back;
5. That reductions of \$127,000 for Catch Basin Cleaning, \$70,000 for Sidewalk Snow Ploughing (Winter Temporary Staff) and \$81,580 for Snow Removal under Engineering and Public Works be deleted from the Incremental Reductions list and that the expense reduction of \$575,000 for Yard Waste Collection be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 3, 2004;
- 2) (a) That the following additional new complement requests in the Building and Facilities Department be approved:
  - i) 1 Assistant Foreperson – Vellore Community Centre;
  - ii) 3 Facility Operators II – Vellore Community Centre; and
  - iii) 1 Facility Operator II – G.A. Williams / Maple Community Centre; and
- (b) That the Council Liaison Clerk CSMS position in By-law Enforcement continue until such time as the Citizen Care Centre is operational;
- 3) That staff be authorized to proceed with the hiring of part-time summer staff in the Parks Department;
- 4) (a) That only the following funding requests listed on the “Controllable Increase Requests” submitted by the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, be approved:
  - i) Communities in Bloom in the amount of \$35,000;
  - ii) Festival of the Arts, in the amount of \$10,000; and
  - iii) Asian Long-Horned Beetle, in the amount of \$200,000; and
- (b) That staff provide a detailed report on the funding requests in the amounts of \$105,000 for Professional Fees relating to legal services dealing with union bargaining units and outsourced recruitment, and \$40,260 for Grouped Expenses and other additional costs relating to arbitration and negotiations venues;
- 5) That the Legal & Administrative Services department be directed to reduce the Professional Fees budget in 2005 by a minimum of \$100,000;
- 6) That staff provide a report on the estimated budget for the implementation of a city-wide environmental strategy;

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- 7) That staff provide a report on the financial implications resulting from the Region of York assuming the provision of transit and waste disposal services in prior years;
- 8) That the memoranda from the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 30, 2004, the Fire Chief, dated April 20, 2004, and the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated April 30, 2004, be received; and
- 9) That the deputation of Mr. Rick Meridew, President, Gallanough Resource Centre, 1 Brooke Street, Thornhill, L4J 2K7, and written submission dated April 30, 2004, be received.

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of April 16, 2004 recommended:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the next Budget Committee meeting;
- 2) That staff review the "Specific Expense Lines Identified for Reduction" contained in Attachment 2 of the memorandum from the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 14, 2004, to see whether the 2004 expenses can be reduced to the 2003 level of expenses and report back to the next Budget Committee meeting; and
- 3) That the deputation of Ms. Eileen Burrell, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board, and correspondence from Ms. Rosemary Bonanno, Chief Executive Officer, Vaughan Public Libraries, dated April 6, 2004, be received and that staff be directed to meet with Vaughan Public Libraries as soon as possible to address and respond to the comments raised, and report back to the Budget Committee.

Report of the City Manager and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services dated April 16, 2004

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) That the following report be received for information purposes;
- 2) That Attachment 1 outlining the \$10M reduction in the shortfall in the 2004 Draft Operating Budget, as directed by the Budget Committee, be received for discussion purposes; and
- 3) That Attachment 2, the revised list of new complement requests be approved.

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**2004 DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET**

(Referred from the Budget Committee Meeting of April 16 and April 21, 2004)

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) (a) That the 2004 Proposed Capital Funding from Taxation, Attachment 3 of the report of the City Manager, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and Director of Reserves & Investments, dated April 16, 2004, in the amount of \$6,617,000 be approved; and
- (b) That funding for Project 8048, Tudor Park Washroom, in the amount of \$250,000, be approved;

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- (c) That funding for Project 3768, Enterprise GIS Phase 3, in the amount of \$788,000, be approved and that staff explore opportunities for staging funding to 2005;
- 2) That funding for Project 7840, Al Palladini CC – Parking Lot, in the amount of \$670,000, be approved;
- 3) That the following projects listed in the memorandum of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, dated April 30, 2004, be approved:
- i) Project 5836 Misty Sugar Park;
  - ii) Project 5947 Urban Village One Park – Design;
  - ii) Project 5931 Treelawn Park;
  - iv) Project 6038 Maplewood Ravine South – Design;
- and further that Project 5933 Wilson Century Park – Design, be approved;
- 4) (a) That the projects listed above the proposed funding line for the Vehicle Equipment Reserve be approved, subject to deferring the following projects to 2005, in accordance with the memorandum from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated April 20, 2004:
- i) Project 5023 Eng-Pick Ups Units 945, 946
  - ii) Project 4982 PW Roads-Grader Unit
  - iii) Project 5044 Clerks – Compact Car Unit 958
- (b) That the projects listed above the proposed funding line for CWDC – Fleet, be approved;
- 5) That the following memoranda from the Commissioner of Community Services, be received:
- a) “Al Palladini Community Centre Parking Lot Reconstruction”, dated April 20, 2004;
  - b) “Budget Requests: Tudor Park”, dated April 24, 2004;
  - c) “Developer Built Park Scheduling”, dated April 24, 2004;
  - d) “Oakbank Pond”, dated April 26, 2004;
  - e) “Thornhill Park Parking Lot Asphalt Paving”, dated April 28, 2004;
  - f) “CWDC – Parks Development Internal Design”, dated April 24, 2004;
  - g) “Budget Requests – Regional Councillor Frustaglio”, dated April 24, 2004;
  - h) “Thoreau Macdonald Property Project Background”, dated April 28, 2004; and
  - i) “Impact of Closing Woodbridge Memorial Pool”, dated April 26, 2004; and

That the memorandum from the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, entitled “Funding for the Land for the New Resource Library”, dated April 30, 2004, be received.

**Recommendation**

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of April 16 and April 21, 2004 recommended:

- 1) That the capital projects identified above the funding line for Development Charges, Various Reserves and Other Miscellaneous Revenues funding sources in the Draft 2004 Capital Budget (*Attachment 1, Report of the City Manager, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and Director of Reserves & Investments, dated April 16, 2004*) be approved, subject to the following:

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Fire Equipment Reserve

- a) That approval for Project 3170, Fire Station Generators, in the amount of \$60,000, be deferred and that staff provide an additional report addressing Members of Council's comments;
- b) That Project 8051, Fire Hall 71 Expansion – EMS Station, in the amount of \$450,000, be moved below the Proposed Funding Line;

Heritage Reserve Project

That staff provide a report outlining the history and previously approved funding for Project 5986 - Thoreau Macdonald Landscape and Project 7967 - Thoreau Macdonald House Renovation, each in the amount of \$300,000, listed below the Proposed Funding Line;

Vehicle Equipment Reserve

- a) That approval for the projects listed above the Proposed Funding Line be deferred and that staff review and report back on the feasibility of postponing some of the projects to 2005; and
- b) That staff review the existing policy regarding disposition of surplus equipment, including the allocation of related proceeds, and report back to a future Committee of the Whole meeting, within a reasonable period of time;

CWDC – Fleet

That approval for the projects listed above the Proposed Funding Line be deferred and that staff review and report back on the feasibility of postponing some of the projects to 2005;

CWDC – Library Building

That staff provide a report on the funding of the land for Project 3837, Northeast Library (Civic Centre Site) – Land, in the amount of \$2,542,000;

CWDC – Parks Development

That staff review and report back on Project 5836 - Misty Sugar Park, Project 5931 - Treelawn Park, Project 5947 - Urban Village One – N4 Design Fees and Project 6038 - Maplewood Ravine South Design Fees, listed below the Proposed Funding Line;

- 2) That those capital projects identified above the funding line in the Draft 2004 Capital Budget funded from Long Term Debt (*Attachment 2, Report of the City Manager, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and Director of Reserves & Investments, dated April 16, 2004*) be approved, subject to the following:
  - a) That Project 7840, Al Palladini CC – Parking Lot, in the amount of \$670,000 be constructed in two phases with the second phase construction deferred to 2005; and
  - b) That Project 1446, 2005 Rural Road Upgrading - Pre Engineering, in the amount of \$200,000, be moved above the Proposed Funding Line;
- 3) That discussion on the 2004 Proposed Capital Funding from Taxation (*Attachment 3, Report of the City Manager, Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and Director of Reserves & Investments, dated April 16, 2004*), including Project 3771, Citizen Care Centre, be deferred to the next Budget Committee meeting;

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- 4) That staff review the Uplands Golf Centre contract and provide a report addressing Members of Council's comments;
- 5) That staff provide a report on the impact of closing the Woodbridge Memorial Pool;
- 6) ***The Budget Committee recommendation for Clause 6 was forwarded to the Council meeting of April 26, 2004. Please refer to Minute No. 140;***
- 7) That in future, when acquiring park lots to accommodate sports facilities, staff look at industrial areas and specifically the Vaughan Enterprise Zone;
- 8) That the memorandum of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated March 17, 2004, be received;
- 9) That the budget requests submitted by Regional Councillor Frustaglio be received and referred to staff; and
- 10) That the correspondence of Ms. Lea-Anne Barker, dated March 25, 2004, and petition, submitted by Councillor Meffe, be received.

Report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Reserves & Investments with respect to the above dated April 16, 2004

Recommendation

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

- 1) That the capital projects identified above the funding line for the following funding sources in the Draft 2004 Capital Budget be approved (Attachment 1);

Development Charges	\$44,502,000
Various Reserves	\$9,329,000
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	<u>\$8,146,000</u>
	\$61,977,000
- 2) That those capital projects identified above the funding line in the Draft 2004 Capital Budget funded from Long Term Debt totaling \$9,783,000 be approved (Attachment 2);
- 3) That the capital projects identified above the funding line in the Draft 2004 Capital Budget funded from Taxation totaling \$6,617,000 be approved (Attachment 3); and
- 4) That the Capital Budget as recommended by the Budget Committee be forwarded to a future public meeting with the draft Operating Budget for consultation with the public.

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**2004 OPERATING BUDGET - BUDGET INITIATIVES**

(Referred from the Budget Committee Meeting of April 16 and April 21, 2004)

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) **That the 2004 Budget Initiatives, Attachment 1, be approved subject to deleting the elimination of driveway windrow clearing in 2005 from the list;**
- 2) **That Items 2-4 listed on the confidential 2004 Budget Initiatives, Attachment 2, be approved**

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and that the total budget reduction for sidewalk sanding and salting in 2004, as identified by the Commissioner of Community Services, is \$80,000 with \$60,000 attributed to Parks and \$20,000 attributed to Fleet; and

**3) That the report of the City Manager, dated March 12, 2004, be received.**

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of April 16, 2004 recommended:

That this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of April 30, 2004.

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of March 31, 2004 recommended:

That this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of April 8, 2004.

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of March 12, 2004 recommended:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the next Budget Committee meeting;
- \*2) That staff provide two separate lists of the 2004 Budget Initiatives; a list of initiatives to be discussed in open session and a list of initiatives that require to be discussed in closed session; and
- 3) That the deputation of Mr. Paul De Buono, Vaughan Watch, P.O. Box 5126, Vaughan, L6A 1R6, be received.

\* *Please see Attachments 1 & 2 on Page 6.2*

Report of the City Manager dated March 12, 2004.

**Recommendation**

The City Manager, in consultation with the Senior Management Team recommends:

That the budget initiatives contained within the attached document "2004 Budget Initiatives vers.12" be received and included in the multi-year operating budget plan.

**4 DEPUTATION – MR. ALF BEASLEY, CITY OF VAUGHAN, FIRE AND RESCUE  
WITH RESPECT TO THE 2004 CALENDAR**

**The Budget Committee recommends approval of a \$5,000 grant (Platinum Sponsor) for the Firefighters of York Region 2004 calendar.**

Council, at its meeting of April 26, 2004, adopted the following:

That the deputation of Mr. Alf Beasley, City of Vaughan, Fire & Rescue and Mr. Shawn Mitchell, Central York Fire and Rescue, sponsor proposal, and written submission, be received and referred to the Budget Committee for consideration.

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**5 DEPUTATION – MS. JACQUELINE RASENBERG, TEAM CAPTAIN  
VAUGHAN FIRE FIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE TEAM  
WITH RESPECT TO SPONSORSHIP**

**The Budget Committee recommends approval of the funding request in the amount of \$10,000 to the Vaughan Fire Fighter Combat Challenge Team.**

Council, at its meeting of April 26, 2004, adopted the following:

That the deputation of Ms. Jacqueline Rasenberg, Team Captain, Vaughan Fire Fighter Combat Challenge Team, and written submission, dated April 7, 2004, be received and referred to the Budget Committee for consideration.

**6 ADVERTISING POLICY**

**The Budget Committee recommends that the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Di Vona, dated April 30, 2004, be approved:**

**Recommendation**

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

That the City of Vaughan develops an advertising policy to incorporate all advertisements within the city page.

That the City of Vaughan review the size of advertisements to reduce the advertising costs to the municipality.

**7 SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (BUDGET) MEETING  
MAY 20, 2004**

**The Budget Committee recommendation was dealt with and adopted at the Special Council meeting of May 3, 2004, under Minute No. 152.**

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The meeting adjourned at 2:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair