

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 8 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

The Budget Committee met on May 10, 2004.

The meeting convened at 10:45 a.m. with the following members present:

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Michael Di Biase
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Susan Kadis
Councillor Peter Meffe (10:55 a.m.)

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson (11:00 a.m.)

The Budget Committee recessed at 12:58 p.m. and reconvened at 1:50 p.m. with the following members present:

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Michael Di Biase
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson

The Budget Committee resolved into closed session of Committee of the Whole at 2:43 p.m. for the purpose of discussing i) labour relations or employee negotiations and ii) the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege, with respect to Item 1, DRAFT 2004 OPERATING BUDGET – STATUS UPDATE, additional confidential memorandum entitled “Detailed Report on Funding Request”, dated May 10, 2004. The Budget Committee reconvened into open session at 3:41 p.m., with all members present.

The following items were dealt with:

1 DRAFT 2004 OPERATING BUDGET – STATUS UPDATE

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated May 10, 2004, be approved;**

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- 2) a) That the pesticide-free pilot project continue in Wards 4 and 5 and that the project be extended to include Ward 2; and
b) That staff provide a status report on the pilot project, including the cost implications;
- 3) That the Fire and Rescue Service Budget Reductions contained in the memorandum of the Deputy Fire Chief, dated May 4, 2004, be approved subject to deleting the reductions in the amounts of \$51,050 for "A" level to "B" level response time and \$725 for certification in semi-automatic defibrillation, CPR and First Aid programs;
- 4) a) That the salary for one part-time staff member for up to 24 hours a week be approved in accordance with the City's obligations in the License and Management Agreement regarding a librarian for the Gallanough Resource Centre; and
b) That the additional report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, entitled "Gallanough Resource Centre Librarian", dated May 10, 2004, be received;
- 5) a) That \$93,644 be included in the Economic & Technology Development's 2004 budget for the retention of an Environmental Coordinator and associated costs for the environmental program;
b) That staff investigate partnership opportunities including the participation of Hydro Vaughan Distribution Inc. in this initiative;
c) That staff explore Federal Government funding opportunities; and
d) That the additional report of the Commissioner of Economic & Technology Development and Communications, entitled "Environmental Program", dated May 10, 2004, be received;
- 6) That the following recommendation contained in the memorandum from the Commissioner of Economic & Technology Development and Communications, dated May 5, 2004, regarding Project 3768, Enterprise GIS Phase 3 staging of funding over 2004-2005, be approved:

Total funding requirement for 2004 initiatives \$454,750
Total funding requirement for 2005 initiatives 304,950
- 7) a) That additional funds of \$105,000 for Professional Fees and \$40,260 for Grouped Expenses be added to the Human Resources Department's 2004 budget; and
b) That the confidential additional report from the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and the Director of Human Resources, entitled "Detailed Report on Funding Requests – Human Resources Department", dated May 10, 2004, be received; and
- 8) That the written submission of Ms. Mary Mauti, 52 Forest Circle Court, Woodbridge, L4L 1N9, dated May 7, 2004, be received and that staff continue discussions with Ms. Mauti regarding staff attendance at Committee of Adjustment meetings resulting in overtime costs for the Planning and Building Standards departments.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services recommends:

That the following status report be received for information purposes.

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- 2) That the memorandum from the Fire Chief, dated April 22, 2004, be received.

6 **CORRESPONDENCE FROM MS. DIANE REMBACZ
COLUMBUS TRAIL RESIDENTS' ASSOCIATION
WITH RESPECT TO AMERICA AVENUE OVERPASS**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the written submission of Ms. Diane Rembacz, President, Columbus Trail Residents' Association, 208 America Avenue, Maple, L6A 3E8, dated April 29, 2004, be received; and
- 2) That the written submission of E. Mitchell, Block 33 Residents Association, dated April 8, 2004, be received.

Further, the Budget Committee recommends:

That staff review opportunities to prevent direct residential driveway access fronting onto major collector roads.

7 **COUNCIL BUDGET**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the equalization formula contained in Attachment 3 of the City Clerk's report, dated May 10, 2004, be approved and applied to the Mayor and Members of Council's budgets;
- 2) That the Mayor and Members of Council's budgets be reduced by \$7,000 each and the Council Corporate budget be reduced by \$7,000 for a total reduction of \$70,000;
- 3) That one welcome letter be sent from all Members of Council to new residents, and that Corporate Communications investigate and report back on how the related information will be obtained and coordinated;
- 4) That holiday greeting advertisements from all Members of Council be charged to the Council Corporate budget and that staff report back on the size, cost, number and nature of such advertisements; and
- 5) That Councillor Carella investigate and report back on the feasibility of implementing an annual corporate newsletter.

Recommendation

The City Clerk requests direction respecting the 2004 Councillors/Corporate Council budgets.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair