

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 13 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 14, 2005*

The Budget Committee met at 2:20 p.m., on November 16, 2004.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Michael Di Biase (2:35 p.m.)
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (3:40 p.m.)

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

The Budget Committee resolved into Budget Committee (Closed Session) at 2:50 p.m. for the purpose of considering a matter relating to labour relations or employee negotiations, with respect to Item No. 6, 2005 CONTINGENCY DETAILS FOR COMPENSATION MATTERS. The Budget Committee reconvened into open session at 3:15 p.m., with all members present.

The following items were dealt with:

1 **2005 OPERATING BUDGET**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated November 16, 2004:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommends:

That the following report be received for information purposes.

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2 **GPS VEHICLE TRACKING SYSTEM**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, Commissioner of Community Services, and the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated November 16, 2004, be approved; and**
- 2) That staff review and report back on the feasibility and the implications of phasing in the GPS vehicle tracking system in appropriate City vehicles.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, Commissioner of Community Services and Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services recommends;

That this report be received for information.

3 **UPDATE FOR BILL 124 – (NEW BUILDING CODE ACT)**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated November 16, 2004, be approved; and**
- 2) That staff provide a further report following the review of the Planning Application process.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends that the report be received for information.

(Please also refer to Item 1, Budget Committee, Report No. 16 and Minute No. 11, Council meeting of January 24, 2005)

4 **ECONOMIC TECHNOLOGY/DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS
2005 OPERATING BUDGET INCREASE BREAKDOWN**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That staff provide a more detailed breakdown of the \$53,000 budgeted for Staff Progressions; and**
- 2) That the following report of the Commissioner of Economic Technology/Development and Communications and the Director of Corporate Communications, dated November 16, 2004, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic Technology/Development and Communications and the Director of Corporate Communications, recommends:

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1. That the following report be received for information purposes.

(Please also refer to Item 9, Budget Committee, Report No. 14)

**5 MEMORANDUM FROM THE FIRE CHIEF WITH RESPECT TO
FEEES FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT RESPONSE**

The Budget Committee recommends that the memorandum from the Fire Chief, entitled "Budget Committee – Fees for Fire Department Response", dated November 12, 2004, be received.

6 2005 CONTINGENCY DETAILS FOR COMPENSATION MATTERS

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the verbal report of the Director of Human Resources, be received; and
- 2) That staff draft and provide to the Council meeting of November 22, 2004 a resolution to be forwarded to the Minister of Finance respecting the health care premium.

(Please also refer to Item 1, Budget Committee, Report No. 11 and Minute No. 305, Council meeting of November 22, 2004)

7 RECREATION AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT REORGANIZATION

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the confidential report of the Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture, dated November 16, 2004.

8 PESTICIDE-FREE POLICY

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated November 16, 2004, be approved;
- 2) That the pesticide-free policy be applied city-wide on all publicly owned lands;
- 3) That the Region of York be requested to provide the same level of service as the City of Vaughan with respect to grass cutting on Regional boulevards;
- 4) That this recommendation be forwarded to the Region of York Health & EMS Committee and the Environmental Task Force; and
- 5) That the necessary funds be allocated to the Commissioner of Community Services budget to implement this initiative.

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Manager of Parks and Forestry recommends:

That this report be received for information.

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FILM PERMITS CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated November 16, 2004:

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Manager of Licensing recommends:

That the following report be received for information.

(Please also refer to Item 1, Budget Committee, Report No. 11)

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ADULT ENTERTAINMENT ATTENDANT LICENSING FEES

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated November 16, 2004:

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Manager of Licensing recommends:

That the following report be received for information.

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ADVERTISING POLICY

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred back to staff for a further report.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the City Clerk and the Director of Corporate Communications, recommends:

- 1) That staff be authorized to negotiate a new contract with a local newspaper for placement of the "City Page" every two weeks, incorporating a more efficient design and format;
- 2) That the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications continues to complete an update of the current advertising practices in the interest of consolidating and minimizing costs to the Corporation; and
- 3) That a report providing an analysis of Best Practices be prepared for review by Committee in three weeks (December 7, 2004).

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**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
2005 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

The Budget Committee recommends that the correspondence from Ms. Eileen Burrell, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board, dated November 15, 2004, with respect to the Board's 2005 Operating and Capital Budget requests, be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2004.

(Please also refer to Item 1, Budget Committee, Report No. 11, Item 4, Budget Committee, Report No. 14 and Item 2, Budget Committee, Report No. 15)

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CITY OF VAUGHAN GROWTH AND SERVICE MANAGEMENT PLAN

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2004.

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

1. That the City of Vaughan Senior Management Team (SMT) be directed to develop standards with respect to service delivery, capital and operating expenditures taking into consideration the volume of work relative to the growth rate, level of service delivery, and other policies of the municipality.
2. That the City of Vaughan SMT incorporates within the operating and capital budget the necessary changes to match human, financial, and physical resources to municipal services.
3. That the service delivery standards be brought to the Budget Committee on an annual basis for review and consideration.

(Please also refer to Item 7, Budget Committee, Report No. 14)

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ZERO BASED BUDGET – STAFFING COMPLEMENT REVIEW

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2004.

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

1. That the City of Vaughan Senior Management Team (SMT) conduct a review of the staff complement and report back to the Budget Committee at the next meeting with the results of their review.

(Please also refer to Item 5, Budget Committee, Report No. 14 and Item 4, Budget Committee, Report No. 16)

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15 "FREEZE" ON NEW JOB HIRINGS AND RECLASSIFICATIONS POSTINGS

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2004.

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona:

1. That the Budget Committee be provided with the total reclassifications having taken place during 2003 and 2004 and the financial impact on the operating budget for those years and 2005.
2. That the City of Vaughan implement a policy to "freeze" compensation above the existing approved levels for any/all hiring, existing employees, without Council's prior consent.
3. That this matter be provided to the Budget Committee at the next available meeting.

(Please also refer to Item 6, Budget Committee, Report No. 14)

The meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair