# CITY OF VAUGHAN

# **REPORT NO. 7 OF THE**

# **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 12, 2005

The Budget Committee met at 2:44 p.m., on November 30, 2005.

Present:	Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
	Mayor Michael Di Biase
	Councillor Tony Carella
	Councillor Peter Meffe
	Councillor Alan Shefman
	Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (2:59 p.m.)

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

The following items were dealt with:

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#### 2006 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated November 30, 2005:

#### **Recommendation**

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

That the following report on the 2006 Draft Operating Budget be received for information purposes.

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# COUNCIL BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the 2006 Corporate Council, Mayor and Councillors budget be approved, subject to a review of the population numbers used in the equalization formula calculation; and
- 2) That the report of the City Clerk, dated November 30, 2005, be received.

Further, the Budget Committee recommends:

That for year-end reporting purposes, the percentage of actual expenses incurred in relation to the approved budget be provided.

# **Recommendation**

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The City Clerk requests direction respecting the 2006 Corporate Council, Mayor and Councillors budgets.

# USER FEES AND SERVICE LEVEL REVIEW

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clause 1 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated November 30, 2005, be approved;
- 2) That the user fee increases recommended on Attachment A, be approved:
- 3) That the bare pavement policy for secondary roads be revised such that salt is applied only to zones approximately 50-75 meters around intersections on secondary roads; and
- 4) That for 2006 the current service levels be maintained for the remainder of the City's services, including winter road maintenance, winter maintenance of public sidewalks and residential windrow driveway clearing.

# **Recommendation**

The City Manager recommends:

- 1) That the further increases in existing user fees and information comparing them to area municipalities be received for information.
- 2) That the Budget Committee provide direction with respect to the new user fees; and
- 3) That the report on the Services Review, including options and cost implications (requested by the Budget Committee) is provided for your consideration.

# 4 RECREATION & CULTURE USER FEE AND PRICING POLICY

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture, dated November 30, 2005, be approved; and
- 2) That the presentation material submitted by Mr. Jonathan Hack and Ms. Amy Shepherd, IBI Group, 230 Richmond Street West, 5th Floor, Toronto, M5V 1V6, be received.

# **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, recommend:

- 1. That Council receives the presentation from the IBI Group regarding the Recreation and Culture User Fee and Pricing Policy; and,
- 2. That Council approves the Recreation and Culture User Fee and Pricing Policy; and,

- 3. That Council approves the Three Year Fee Schedule effective September 6, 2006; and,
- 4. That the Fees and Charges By-Law, 396-2002 be amended to reflect the Recreation and Culture User Fee and Pricing Policy and Three Year Fee Schedule.

#### 2006 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET ADDITIONAL INFORMATION STAFF COMPLEMENT INCREASE – GIS SUPPORT

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated November 30, 2005, be approved; and
- 2) That staff report on the implications of the Joint Services Agreement in relation to the Information & Technology Management Department.

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications in consultation with the Chief Information Officer (CIO) and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommends that:

1. This report be received for information.

#### 6 ACCESS VAUGHAN OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT BREAKDOWN

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated November 30, 2005:

#### Recommendation

That this report be received for information only.

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# SPORTS VILLAGE SUBSIDY PROGRAM

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture, dated November 30, 2005:

# **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture recommend:

That the following report on the Sports Village Subsidy Program be received for information purposes.

# 8 OPERATING BUDGET – FULL COST OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PROGRAM

# The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated November 30, 2005:

### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Directors of Parks and Forestry Operations and Parks Development recommends:

1. That the Budget Committee receives this report detailing the cost of the Communities in Bloom program.

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#### 2006 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM PARTICIPATION

#### The Budget Committee recommends:

1) That Clause 2 contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated November 30, 2005, be approved; and

#### 2) That Option 1, as outlined in the report, be approved.

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Communities in Bloom Beautification Committee recommends:

- 1. That Council provide direction with regards to participation of the City of Vaughan in the 2006 Communities in Bloom by considering Options 1 and 2 as outlined in this report; and,
- 2. That Council directs staff to explore opportunities for sponsorship to support the program in order to offset the City of Vaughan's direct cost.

#### 10 HOSTING OF THE 2009 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the City of Vaughan's interest in hosting the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Conference be conveyed to the Communities in Bloom National Office;
- 2) That staff explore opportunities to increase sponsorship contributions from \$50,000 to \$100,000; and
- 3) That recommendations (a) to (e) contained in the body of the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated November 30, 2005, be approved:
  - (a) That a letter be sent to the Communities in Bloom National Office by December 31, 2005, stating the City of Vaughan's intention to host the 2009 Communities in Bloom Conference;
  - (b) That Economic/Technology Development and Communications assume the role as lead department with other City departments lending their assistance and support;

(c) That Council approves the \$200,000 budget, allocated in each of the following years:

Funding		Year
\$30,000	2007	
\$70,000	2008	
\$100,000		2009

- (d) That the City of Vaughan participate in the Communities in Bloom program nationally at least 2 years prior to hosting by having a prominent exhibit space at the Communities in Bloom Awards Ceremonies in addition to the FCM (Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the CPRA (Canadian Parks and Recreation Association) Conferences, as well as having a representative of the community be present at the Awards/Symposium one year prior to hosting the event.
- (e) That Economic/Technology Development and Communications prepare a detailed submission encompassing the following requirements to be delivered to the Communities in Bloom National Office by January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2006:
  - a listing of accommodations secured for up to 650 people;
  - a listing of hotels with adequate facilities for: symposium sessions and meals, classroom style, breakout rooms, lunch areas, merchandise, silent auctions, community exhibits, Communities in Bloom registration office and equipment;
  - a venue (up to 600 seating capacity) for the Friday evening Community Showcase Awards with necessary audio visual equipment;
  - and a venue (up to 750 seating capacity) for Saturday evening formal presentation of Awards with necessary audio visual equipment.

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications recommends:

- 1. That this report be received for information purposes; and,
- 2. That Council provide direction concerning the hosting of the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Conference.

# 11 RELIEF FROM LATE PAYMENT CHARGES FOR ALL LOW-INCOME FAMILIES

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated November 30, 2005:

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Financial Services recommends:

That the following report be received.

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#### POST BUDGET APPROVALS

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

# 13 <u>2005 THIRD QUARTER REPORT</u>

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated November 30, 2005:

#### **Recommendation**

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

That the 2005 Third Quarter Variance Report be received for information purposes.

# 14 BUILDING STANDARDS SERVICE CONTINUITY RESERVE

The Budget Committee recommends that the confidential memorandum of the Director of Legal Services, dated November 25, 2005, be received.

# 15 NEW BUSINESS - HAWMAN AVENUE PUBLIC MEETING

The Budget Committee recommends that the matter with respect to the Hawman Avenue Public Meeting, submitted by Councillor Carella, be received and referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Carella.

# 16 NEW BUSINESS - WOODBRIDGE CORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION PETITION

The Budget Committee recommends that the correspondence from the Woodbridge Ratepayers' Association, dated November 12, 2005, submitted by Councillor Carella, be received and referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Carella.

# 17 NEW BUSINESS - PETITION TO ERECT AN OPEN-AIR SHELTER ON THE GROUNDS OF <u>FATHER ERMANNO BULFON COMMUNITY CENTRE</u>

The Budget Committee recommends that the matter with respect to the Petition to erect an Open-Air Shelter on the Grounds of Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre, submitted by Councillor Carella, be received and referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Carella.

The meeting adjourned at 5:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair