CITY OF VAUGHAN

REPORT NO. 8 OF THE

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 16, 2006

The Budget Committee met at 9:39 a.m., on December 19, 2005.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair

Mayor Michael Di Biase (10:49 a.m.)

Councillor Tony Carella

Councillor Peter Meffe (10:10 a.m.)

Councillor Alan Shefman

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri (9:48 a.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

2006 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clauses 1, 2, and 3 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated December 19, 2005, be approved;
- 2) That staff be directed to utilize the tax stabilization fund to achieve a tax rate increase of 3.5%;
- 3) That the Special Council meeting for public input be on Tuesday, January 24, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.; and
- 4) That staff be directed to establish a policy on the contribution of investment funds to the tax stabilization fund.

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:

- 1) That the Budget Committee recommend approval of the 2006 Draft Operating Budget;
- 2) That the 2006 Draft Operating Budget be forwarded to a Special Council meeting for receipt and referral to a Special Council meeting in January 2006 to receive public input;

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- 3) That appropriate notice be given, as per City By-law 394-2002, for a Special Council meeting in January 2006 to receive public input; and
- 4) That the Special Council meeting for public be January 23, 2006.

2006 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

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- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, and the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated December 19, 2005, be approved;
- 2) That staff review the proposed 2006 Capital projects with the objective of bringing Thoreau MacDonald House to a state of utilization and to meet health and safety requirements, at minimal cost:
- That staff provide a project itemization with respect to the proposed 2006 Capital funding of \$1,800,000 for the Vellore Village Community Centre;
- 4) That staff provide a report with respect to the proposed 2006 Noise Attenuation Wall Repair, budgeted for \$100,000;
- 5) That staff provide a report on the particulars of the proposed 2006 PC Replacement, budgeted for \$300,000;
- That the proposed 2006 Traffic Calming projects be reviewed to determine the staging and implementation for 2006;
- 7) That staff provide a report identifying the proposed 2006 Playground Replacement & Retrofit projects that are to be undertaken due to health and safety reasons;
- 8) That staff provide a report outlining the current state of the Uplands property, the cost and timeline obsolescence, and future use of the facility:
- 9) That staff review the corporate activities of industrial/commercial areas in terms of risk management;
- 10) That staff provide an up to date master plan on the building of new recreation facilities;
- 11) That staff develop a policy with respect to staging and prioritizing Capital projects; and
- 12) That staff provide a report on opportunities for the transfer of funds to York Region for installation of sidewalk and lighting projects at the time of arterial road construction.

Recommendation

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

1) That the proposed capital projects identified above the funding line and funded from other than taxation and long-term debt totaling \$31,576,000 be approved (Attachment 2);

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- 2) That the proposed capital projects identified above the funding line and funded from longterm debt totaling \$10,396,000 be approved (Attachment 3);
- That the proposed capital projects identified above the funding line and funded from taxation be approved totaling \$6,587,000 be approved (Attachment 4);
- 4) That the Proposed 2006 Capital Budget be forwarded to a Special Council meeting for receipt and referral to a Special Council meeting in January 2006 to receive public input; and
- 5) That the appropriate notice be given, as per City By-law 394-2002, for a Special Council meeting in January 2006 to receive public input.

3 CITY OF VAUGHAN CAPITAL WORK PLANS PROGRESS REPORT – THIRD QUARTER

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Reserves and Investments, dated December 19, 2005, be approved; and
- 2) That staff provide a report on the actual budgets of the active capital projects.

Recommendation

The Director of Reserves & Investments in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

4 RESPONSE TO REVISIONS TO PLANNING APPLICATION REVENUE

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated December 19, 2005:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends that this report concerning the revision to planning application revenue be received for information purposes.

5 <u>WOODBRIDGE CORE RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION PETITION</u>

(Referred from the Council meeting of December 12, 2005)

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That staff explore the feasibility of installing surveillance cameras at Veterans' Park and lighting at the Maple reservoir soccer field without affecting the current budget;
- 2) That the memorandum from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated December 14, 2005, be received:
- 3) That the additional report from the Director of Public Works and the Director of Engineering Services, dated December 19, 2005, be received; and

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4) That the written submissions from Ms. Joanne Mauti, Woodbridge Core Ratepayers' Association, c/o 128 Wallace Street, Woodbridge, L4L 2P4, dated November 12, 2005, and November 28, 2005, be received.

Council, at its meeting of December 12, 2005, adopted the following:

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That the correspondence from the Woodbridge Ratepayers' Association, dated November 12, 2005 (Attachment # 1), submitted by Councillor Carella, be received and referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

HAWMAN AVENUE PUBLIC MEETING

(Referred from the Council meeting of December 12, 2005

The Budget Committee recommends that the following recommendation contained in the additional report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated December 19, 2005, be approved:

- "1) That the proposed watermain replacement on Hawman Avenue be deferred from the DRAFT 2006 Capital Budget to the 2007 Capital Budget deliberations;
- 2) That the road reconstruction of Hawman Avenue currently scheduled in 2008 based on the Five Year Road Reconstruction Program be considered during the 2007 Capital Budget deliberations; and
- 3) That the area residents be so advised of Council's decision and that Engineering Services staff be authorized to undertake the project design in 2006."

Council, at its meeting of December 12, 2005, adopted the following:

That the matter with respect to the Hawman Avenue Public Meeting (Attachment # 1), submitted by Councillor Carella, be received and referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

7 PETITION TO ERECT AN OPEN-AIR SHELTER ON THE GROUNDS OF FATHER ERMANNO BULFON COMMUNITY CENTRE

(Referred from the Council meeting of December 12, 2005)

The Budget Committee recommends that the memorandum from the Commissioner of Community Services, dated December 14, 2005, be received.

Council, at its meeting of December 12, 2005, adopted the following:

That the matter with respect to the Petition to erect an Open-Air Shelter on the Grounds of Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre (Attachment # 1), submitted by Councillor Carella, be received and referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

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8 POST BUDGET APPROVALS

(Referred from the Council meeting of December 12, 2005)

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

Council, at its meeting of December 12, 2005, adopted the following:

That this matter be referred to the next Budget Committee meeting for 2006 Capital Budget consideration.

Report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated November 30, 2005

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

9 NEW BUSINESS - RECRUITMENT OF BUSINESS REPRESENTATIVES TO THE VILLAGE OF WOODBRIDGE QUASQUICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

The Budget Committee recommends that Councillor Carella recruit six business representatives from Woodbridge to serve on the Village of Woodbridge Quasquicentennial Committee in addition to the current appointed individuals.

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

10 NEW BUSINESS – INSTALLATION OF LIGHTS <u>AT SOCCER FIELDS</u>

The Budget Committee recommends that staff provide a report regarding the budgetary implications of installing lighting at current soccer fields to accommodate more playtimes, versus building more fields for the purpose.

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

11 NEW BUSINESS – STATUS OF JOINT USER AGREEMENT BETWEEN POWERSTREAM AND THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Budget Committee recommends that staff provide the status of the joint user agreement between Powerstream and the City of Vaughan.

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

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12 <u>NEW BUSINESS – REGIONAL UPDATE</u>

The Budget Committee recommends that the York Region 2006 Business Plans and Budgets, and the report of the Regional Council meeting of December 15, 2005, submitted by Mayor Di Biase, be received.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Mayor Di Biase.
The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair