

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 12, 2007*

The Budget Committee met at 10:00 a.m., on February 6, 2007.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Linda D. Jackson (ex-officio) (10:20 a.m.)
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe (10:05 a.m.)
Councillor Alan Shefman

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri (10:10 a.m.)
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati (10:35 a.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

1 **APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR**

The Budget Committee recommends:

That Councillor Di Vona be appointed Chair of the Budget Committee.

2 **2006 THIRD QUARTER OPERATING BUDGET REPORT**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Acting Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated February 6, 2007:

Recommendation

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

That the 2006 Third Quarter Variance Report be received for information purposes.

3 **CAPITAL PROJECT THIRD QUARTER STATUS REPORT**

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 Reserves & Investments, dated February 6, 2007:

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Reserves & Investments in consultation with the Senior Management Team recommends;

That this report be received for information purposes.

**4 CANADA ONTARIO MUNICIPAL RURAL INFRASTRUCTURE (COMRIF)
 APPLICATION - 2007 CAPITAL PRE-BUDGET APPROVAL**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated February 6, 2007:

Recommendation

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

1. That the 2007 Capital Budget request Project# EN-1650-07 COMRIF – Baldwin Avenue Culvert Rehabilitation in the amount of \$450,000 be pre-approved in order to commence the Environmental Assessment that is required to comply with the COMRIF Funding Agreement and ensure compliance with the submitted project schedule (milestones).
2. That the inclusion of the matter on a public committee or Council agenda for the pre-budget approval for this COMRIF project is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-Law 394-2002.

5 STRATEGIC PLANNING VAUGHAN VISION REVIEW CITIZEN SURVEY

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Senior Manager of Strategic Planning, dated February 6, 2007:

Recommendation

The Senior Manager of Strategic Planning in consultation with the City Manager, recommends:

- 1) That the City Manager’s Office obtain pre-budget approval to proceed with coordinating the implementation of a strategic plan Vaughan Vision review citizen survey.
- 2) That an on-line survey allowing the participation of all Vaughan households be the method which is implemented.

6 CORPORATE BUSINESS PLANNING AND PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENT PROCESS

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Senior Manager of Strategic Planning, dated February 6, 2007, be approved; and**
- 2) **That the presentation by the Senior Manager of Strategic Planning and presentation material submitted entitled, “2007 Departmental Business Plan Summary”, dated February 2007, be received.**

Recommendation

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The Senior Manager of Strategic Planning in consultation with the City Manager and the Senior Management Team, recommends:

- 1) That Attachment 1. 2005-2007 Corporate Business Planning/Performance Measurement Process be received.
- 2) That Attachment 2. 2007 Departmental Business Plans be received.
- 3) That Attachment 3. 2007 Departmental Business Planning Summary presentation be received.

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COUNCIL BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That this matter be deferred for full consideration of the comments expressed by Members of Council, including the per resident amount in the equalization formula calculation; and**
- 2) **That the City Manager provide a report on the discrepancies between the population figures provided in the ward boundary review and the estimated population figures provided as at December 31, 2006.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That Council select the preferred option to be used for the 2007 Mayor, Regional Councillors and individual Ward Councillors budgets; and
- 2) That Council receive the 2007 draft Council Corporate budget.

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2007 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That staff bring forward a resolution to the next Committee of the Whole meeting stating the City of Vaughan's intention to continue the City of Vaughan's property tax reduction for qualifying seniors currently at \$250.00 and indexed; and**

That the Region of York and the Province of Ontario be requested to consider a similar reduction for the Region's and the School Boards portion of the property tax;
- 2) **That staff review opportunities for increased use of debenturing for capital programs to assist in the reduction of operating costs;**
- 3) **That the following additional information be provided:**
 - a) **details regarding the \$0.2m expenditure for "Recreation – YRT Ticket Pass Purchases";**
 - b) **details regarding the \$10.9m expenditure referenced as "All Other";**
 - c) **a breakdown by department of the \$330,650 expense for Advertising;**
 - d) **a breakdown of the \$969,420 expense for Computer Hardware/Software;**

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- 4) **That the report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Acting Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated February 6, 2007 be received; and**
- 5) **That the presentation by the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and presentation material submitted entitled, "Draft 2007 Operating Budget", dated February 6, 2007, be received.**

Recommendation

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

That the following report on the 2007 Draft Operating Budget be received for information and discussion purposes.

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The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair