

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**REPORT NO. 4 OF THE**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Vaughan  
on April 23, 2007*

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The Budget Committee met at 1:35 p.m. on April 17, 2007.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair  
Mayor Linda D. Jackson (ex-officio)  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Alan Shefman  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (1:40 p.m.)

Also Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (4:05 p.m.)  
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati (1:55 p.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

**1                    STRATEGIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW**

**The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to a future Budget Committee meeting for staff to provide the 2006 year-to-date actual expenditures and details of expenditures relating to Professional Fees.**

**Recommendation**

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

- 1) That Attachment 1. 2007 Strategic Planning Department Budget be received.

**2                    PROPOSED 2007 COUNCIL CORPORATE ADVERTISING SCHEDULE**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) **That staff be directed to provide a rationalized approach with respect to inserting greetings in the various media in Vaughan including, if appropriate, relevant recognition of the broader multicultural community; and**  
**That Canada Day greetings be considered in this regard; and**
- 2) **That the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated April 17, 2007, be received.**

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**Recommendation**

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

That this report be received for information only, as requested by the Budget Committee, 2007 Draft Operating Budget – Additional Information Request, February 19, 2007 and adopted by Council on March 19, 2007.

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**COUNCIL BUDGET**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) **That the following methodology be used for calculating the Council budget:**
  - **Member of Council's salary + incidental expenses + benefits + Council copier; and**
  - **62 cents per resident for all members of Council;**
- 2) **That the Strategic Planning Committee, during their deliberations with respect to governance issues, review opportunities for recouping monies relating to Regional functions and that receipt of such monies be deducted from the particular member's budget;**
- 3) **That the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 17, 2007, be received; and**
- 4) **That the memorandum from the City Manager, dated March 8, 2007, be received.**

**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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**KLEINBURG ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, dated April 17, 2007, be approved subject to OPA 633 being in full force and effect; and**
- 2) **That staff be directed to provide additional information for the Council meeting of April 23, 2007, respecting clarification on the definition of residential mix and related density.**

***Further, the Budget Committee recommends:***

***That staff provide a comprehensive list of all studies currently being undertaken to date and including the previous term of Council, and that such list identify cost implications and status thereof.***

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**Recommendation**

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

1. That Budget Committee receives this report, and
2. That staff prepare the terms of reference for the Kleinburg Economic Development Strategy Study and report back to Council and
3. That funding in the amount of \$90,000 be added to the 2007 draft capital budget for consideration to proceed with the Kleinburg Economic Development Strategy Study and
4. That the source of funding for this project be taxation.

**5            2007 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET – ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUESTS**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated April 17, 2007, be approved;**
- 2) That beginning with the calendar year 2007 appropriate staff be directed to record the variance between the full cost (both direct and indirect) of each service provided by the City for which a fee subject to regulation is charged and the amount of money collected by way of fee, such variance in each case to be reported in dollars and percentage variance;**

**That reports in respect of this information be provided in September of each calendar year (for the period January 1 to June 30) and in March of subsequent calendar year (for the period July 1 to December 31 of the prior year); and**

**That staff report back on the resource implications of the subject recommendation;**

- 3) That staff provide a report recommending the point in time at which it is necessary to provide justification for a complement position that has remained vacant for an extended period of time;**
- 4) That staff be directed to develop a corporate policy relating to technology usage, including but not limited to the criteria for appropriate staff usage of BlackBerries; and**
- 5) That staff bring forward the draft utilization policies developed for Thoreau MacDonald House and Armstrong House for Council's review and consideration; and**

**That staff consider alternative uses, including disposition.**

**Recommendation**

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

That the following report be received for information purposes and additional resource requests be approved.



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



The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair