

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 3, 2009*

The Budget Committee met at 2:10 pm., on January 12, 2009.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Linda D. Jackson (ex-officio) (2:29 p.m.)
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (2:29 p.m.)

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

The following items were dealt with:

1 **2009 BUDGET FORUM RESULTS**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated January 12, 2009:

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommend:

That the following report be received for information purposes.

2 **2009 DRAFT COUNCIL BUDGET AND
2009 DRAFT COUNCIL CORPORATE BUDGET**
(Referred Item)

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated December 4, 2008, be approved;**
- 2) That the 2009 Council Corporate Budget expenditures for “Office Equipment & Furniture” be for health and safety reasons only;**

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4 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT – REVIEW OF HONORARIUMS

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the honorariums for Committee of Adjustment members be increased over a two-year period, commencing 2009, to \$200 per meeting attended and \$234 per meeting attended by the Chair; and**
- 2) **That the following report of the City Clerk and the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated January 12, 2009, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk and the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services recommends:

1. **THAT the honorariums for the Committee of Adjustment members be increased to \$200 per meeting attended and \$234 per meeting attended for the Chair of the meeting.**

**5 ZENWAY BOULEVARD AND VAUGHAN VALLEY BOULEVARD
PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL CONTROL**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated January 12, 2009, be approved; and**
- 2) **That the design and locates be done as soon as possible in advance of the budget approval.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

1. **That the additional information regarding traffic signal warrants contained in this report as requested by Budget Committee be received; and**
2. **That the installation of a traffic signal at the intersection of Zenway Boulevard and Vaughan Valley Boulevard at an estimated cost of \$130,000 funded from City Wide Development Charges – Engineering be considered along with the proposed 2009 Capital Budget.**

6 VELLORE VILLAGE FITNESS CENTRE AND AL PALLADINI FITNESS CENTRE CYCLING AREA

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, Directors of Building and Facilities, Recreation and Culture and Reserves and Investments, dated January 12, 2009:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, Directors of Building and Facilities, Recreation and Culture and Reserves and Investments, recommend:

- 1) **That \$160,000 be added to the 2009 Capital Budget to retain an architect to start the planning exercise to determine the options;**
- 2) **The costs for the preferred option will be included as part of the 2010 Capital budget; and**

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neighbourhoods and streets. The maximum support for any one project will be \$3000.

3. That applications for projects be reviewed by a Committee composed of the Ward Councillor, a Regional Councillor and a member of staff appointed by the City Manager.
4. That the additional \$2000 allotted in the 2009 budget be utilized to print materials and to provide associated communications.

10 NEW BUSINESS – PARTICIPATION IN PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL BODIES

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That where the work of a committee of the City of Vaughan includes direct involvement in a provincial or national organization, alliance or association, the committee be provided with funding to allow a member of the committee to attend meetings (or events) of the provincial or national body where appropriate;**
- 2) **That, when a meeting is identified as being of importance, the committee, by motion, shall recommend who shall attend, provide information relating to the time and location of the meeting, and the approximate cost to attend, and forward the recommendation for consideration to the appropriate Council body; and**
- 3) **That \$10,000 be allocated to the 2009 Council Corporate Budget for this purpose.**

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

11 NEW BUSINESS – 2009 BUDGET NEXT STEPS

The Budget Committee recommends that staff be directed to review opportunities to reduce the 2009 budget to achieve a tax increase equivalent to the inflation rate and that the Chair of the Budget Committee in consultation with the Director of Budget and Financial Planning, review such opportunities, including the consideration of Council's priorities, and report back at the next Budget Committee meeting.

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

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The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair