

**COUNCIL MEETINGS BROADCASTING ON INTERNET
FUNDING REQUEST**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications, in consultation with the Director of Information Technology Services, and the Director of Budgeting and Long Term Planning, recommends:

- a) That \$100,000 be considered in the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations in order to implement the necessary solution for the broadcasting of all Committee of the Whole and Council meetings (open sessions) on the City's website.

Purpose

At the March 29th 2004 Committee of the Whole meeting, Council identified the desire to enable the public to observe Council proceedings through the internet. The purpose of this item is to request consideration of necessary funding in the 2004 Capital Budget for the implementation of an internet audio/video broadcasting solution.

Background - Analysis and Options

City Council is committed to an open, publicly accessible governance process. Innovative methods are continually sought in order to increase public accessibility to the governance process and to enable Council to converse with the public more effectively.

Today's technology solutions enable cost-effective broadcasting of live audio/video content over the internet. Implementation of such solutions in public meeting areas will effectively enhance the public involvement in the governance process.

Based, on preliminary research of the internet audio/video broadcasting solutions, the related cost is \$100,000.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the following strategic priorities previously set by Council:

- 1.0 Service Delivery Excellence
- 6.0 Communications and Public Relations
- 7.0 Technology and Innovation

Conclusion

Cost-effective solutions can be implemented to broadcast open sessions of Council proceedings on the City's website. The estimated related cost is \$100,000. This funding is being requested for consideration as part of the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations.

Attachments

None

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