

DRAFT 2004 OPERATING BUDGET – STATUS UPDATE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That the following status report be received for information purposes.

Purpose

At the last Budget Committee meeting, April 30, 2004 the Committee made a number of recommendations. The purpose of this report is to advise the Committee of the impact those recommendations will have on taxation funding.

Background - Analysis and Options

Previously the Budget Committee had directed staff to identify initiatives for reducing the operating budget shortfall by \$10.0M. If all initiatives were accepted by the Budget Committee the operating budget shortfall would be reduced to \$9.2M. This is approximately equal to a 13% or \$91.00 property tax increase to the average home in Vaughan assessed at \$320,000.

At the April 30th meeting the Committee made recommendations with respect to the list of initiatives provided by staff. Each of the initiatives identified the savings/revenue impact as well as any impact on service. Not all the initiatives were endorsed by the Committee and as well additional taxation funded capital projects were added resulting in a revised operating budget shortfall of \$12.1M. The details are provided in Attachment 1. The shortfall equates to approximately a 17% or \$119.00 property tax increase to the average home in Vaughan.

At the April 30th meeting the Committee also requested additional information with respect to certain initiatives and other requests for additional funds. That additional information has been provided under separate cover by the appropriate Commissioner. The impact on taxation funding referred to above could increase depending on the disposition of the additional information by the Committee.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The operating and capital budget processes fund the priorities established by Council

Conclusion

The operating budget relates to the provision of municipal services. These services are provided on an ongoing annual basis and therefore must have permanent ongoing funding to be sustainable. After taking into account the Budget Committee directions up to and including the meeting of April 30, 2004 a tax increase of \$119.00 for the average home in Vaughan is required in order to fund the services provided to the residents and businesses of Vaughan.

Attachments

Attachment – Status Update 2004 Draft Operating Budget

Respectfully submitted

Clayton D. Harris, CA
Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services

**CITY OF VAUGHAN
STATUS UPDATE 2004 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET
BUDGET COMMITTEE - MAY 10, 2004**

**2004 DRAFT
OPERATING
BUDGET
IMPACT
(\$000's)**

BUDGET SHORTFALL AS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE, MARCH 31, 2004	\$	18,926
TOTAL BUDGET INITIATIVES ACCEPTED AND SAVINGS IN NEW COMPLEMENT REQUESTS AND CONTROLLABLE EXPENSES	\$	(8,134)

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROVAL:

CLERKS - ADDITIONAL FUNDS FOR PART TIME STAFFING	\$	25
TEMPORARY FUNDING - BY-LAW ENFORCEMENT - COUNCIL LIAISON CLERK CSMS	\$	39
CAPITAL FROM TAXATION - ENTERPRISE GIS PHASE 3	\$	788
CAPITAL FROM TAXATION - TUDOR PARK WASHROOM	\$	250
CONTROLLABLE EXPENSE REQUEST - COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM	\$	35
CONTROLLABLE EXPENSE REQUEST - FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS	\$	10
CONTROLLABLE EXPENSE REQUEST - ASIAN LONG-HORNED BEETLE CONTINGENCY	\$	200
	\$	<u>1,347</u>

BUDGET SHORTFALL AS OF BUDGET COMMITTEE, MAY 10, 2004	\$	12,139
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2004 BUDGET INITIATIVES NOT APPROVED:

CORP. COMMUNICATIONS - ADVERTISING - REMOVAL OF WEEKLY CITY PAGE	\$	30
BUILDING & FACILITIES - ELIMINATE THE 3rd FLOOR SECURITY GUARD	\$	30
PUBLIC WORKS - CATCH BASIN CLEANING - ELIMINATE ALL CATCH BASIN CLEANING	\$	127
PUBLIC WORKS - SIDEWALK SNOW PLOUGHING - ELIMINATE SIDEWALK SNOW PLOUGHING	\$	70
PUBLIC WORKS - SNOW REMOVAL - ROADS - REDUCE SNOW REMOVAL AMOUNT AND LEVEL OF SERVICE	\$	82
PUBLIC WORKS - WINDROW DRIVEWAY CLEARING	\$	0
PUBLIC WORKS - YARD WASTE COLLECTION - ELIMINATE SUMMER YARD WASTE COLLECTION	\$	<u>575</u>

TOTAL 2004 BUDGET INITIATIVES NOT APPROVED	\$	914
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BUDGET INITIATIVES REQUIRING FURTHER REPORTS:

FIRE - RECOMMENDED REDUCTIONS FROM VARIOUS ACCOUNTS	\$	194
REDUCTION NOT APPROVED - FIREFIGHTERS OF YORK REGION 2004 CALENDAR GRANT	\$	5
REDUCTION NOT APPROVED - VAUGHAN FIREFIGHTER COMBAT CHALLENGE TEAM FUNDING	\$	<u>10</u>
FIRE - NET REDUCTION REQUIRING FURTHER REPORT REQUIRING FURTHER BREAKDOWN	\$	179
FIRE - OVERTIME AND ACTING PAY PLUS BENEFITS REPORT REQUIRING FURTHER BREAKDOWN	\$	177
GALLANOUGH RESOURCE CENTRE - REPORT REGARDING LICENSE AND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT	\$	30
PLANNING - OVERTIME - NO REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETINGS	\$	2
BUILDING STANDARDS - OVERTIME - NO REPRESENTATION ON THE COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT MEETINGS	\$	<u>2</u>

TOTAL BUDGET INITIATIVES REQUIRING FURTHER REPORTS	\$	390
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