

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2005**

### **UPLANDS GOLF AND SKI CENTRE - CHAIRLIFT**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Reserves & Investments recommends:

1. That Option 1, for the engineering review and refurbishing of the existing chairlift located at the Uplands Golf and Ski Centre be approved at an estimated cost of \$200,000 and that the funding be from the Uplands Revenue Reserve;
2. That staff proceed with the required notification for an amendment to the 2005 Capital Budget with respect to the Uplands Golf and Ski Centre chairlift.

#### **Economic Impact**

There is no financial impact on the City of Vaughan taxpayer. It is the intent of the Uplands Golf and Ski Centre to be revenue neutral.

#### **Purpose**

To obtain Council approval for the engineering review and refurbishing of the chairlift located at the Uplands Golf and Ski Centre.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

In 1994 DDL, the previous operator, purchased and install a used double chairlift. The City contributed approximately 50% of the cost of the chairlift which amounted to \$105,000.

The Technical Standards and Safety (TSA) Act 2000 has the responsibilities for the Elevating Devices. The Ontario Regulations 209/01, Section 24 states that:

“Every above surface passenger ropeway shall be subject periodically to a complete engineering review and assessment to ensure its continued operational safety in accordance with guidelines set by the director.”

Chairlifts are considered to be above surface passenger ropeways according to the Regulation 209/01. The periodic engineering review and assessment of every above surface passenger ropeway will ensure continued compliance with TSS Act, Elevating Devices Regulation intended to ensure operational safety. The Director’s Order stated that the Uplands Golf and Ski Club must have an engineering review and assessment no later than December 31, 2005. If these reviews and assessments are not completed by this date, the ski facility cannot operate.

The refurbished chairlift was installed in 1994 and was originally built in 1982. Given the age of the chairlift staff and the operator explored two options:

#### **Option 1 – Refurbishing**

An engineering review and refurbishing for the existing chairlift is estimated at \$200,000. The chairlift engineering review and refurbishing is comprised of but not limited to:

- (i) complete lift taken apart, x-rayed and tested;
- (ii) chairlift posts x-rayed;

- (iii) bull wheel replacement;
- (iv) service brake replacement;
- (v) counterweight tested;
- (vi) electrical taken apart and replaced.

The chairlift would be subject to engineering review every five (5) years. Future costs to this engineering review cannot be estimated.

#### Option 2 – Purchase New Chairlift

The estimated purchase price for a new quad chairlift is approximately \$1,200,000. This new chairlift will also be subject to future engineering reviews and assessment to ensure its continued operational safety.

As it is the City's obligation under the agreement to provide for quiet enjoyment of Uplands by the Facility Manager subject to the provisions set out in the agreement between the City and the Facility Manager, one of the two options must be approved.

Attachment #1 provides a proforma of the Uplands Revenue Reserve for the option period of the contract, based on proposed new items. The proforma provides for estimated revenues and proposed capital expenditures for the period January 1<sup>st</sup> 2005 to October 31, 2010.

#### Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the Vaughan Vision 2007, in that it encourages public private partnerships throughout the organization (2.4) as well it strengthens the ongoing management of partnership agreements (2.4.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and not approved.

#### Conclusion

Given that it is the intent the Uplands Golf and Ski Centre is revenue neutral, it is recommended that Option 1 estimated at \$200,000 be approved.

The Uplands Revenue Reserve currently has a deficit of \$105,000. The five year projected Uplands Revenue Reserve shows there will be sufficient revenues earned to fund future capital expenditures including the costs related to the chairlift. In the interim, this capital project will be funded from the General Working Capital Reserve and repaid from future license fee revenue earned from Uplands.

Should Council concur with staff recommendation, then this action would be considered as an amendment to the Capital Budget. Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001 Sec 291 (1) before amending a budget, a municipality shall give notice of its intention to amend the budget at a Council meeting. In accordance with By-law #394-2002, notice of an intention to adopt an amendment at least fourteen (14) days prior to the date of the Council meeting at which this proposed amendment is to be considered. Therefore, if Council increases the expenditures to the Capital Budget, staff is directed to provide notice of an intention to adopt an amendment to the Capital Budget pursuant to By-law #394-2002.

#### Attachments

1. Attachment #1 – Proforma Uplands Revenue Reserve

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**ATTACHMENT NO. 1**

**Proforma Uplands Revenue Reserve  
For the period January 1, 2005 to October 31, 2010**

Uplands Revenue Reserve Balance January 1, 2005	(\$105,000)*
Add: Estimated Revenues January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005 to October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	\$999,000
Less: Estimated Capital Expenditures November 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2005 to October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	<u>\$850,000</u>
Estimated Uplands Revenue Reserve Balance October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 2010	<u>\$44,000</u>

\* Attributed to the cost related to providing a permanent water source to the Uplands site.