

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 5, 2007**

### **PUBLIC INFORMATION/CONSULTATION FORUMS 2007 BUDGET PROCESS**

#### **Recommendation**

Mayor Linda D. Jackson recommends:

That the City of Vaughan engages the public in meaningful and open dialogue, providing information and soliciting input for the 2007 Budget,

That three 2007 Budget Information/Consultation Forums be scheduled for the earliest possible dates in March 2007 and that staff poll the Mayor and Members of Council for best available dates,

That City of Vaughan Budget and Finance staff attend the three forums to provide a presentation explaining the budget process, the services provided by the City and the costs associated with those services,

That staff engage the public at the three forums, gathering information to reassess the community's needs and interest in continuing/discontinuing/introducing City of Vaughan services,

That staff invite and include representatives from the Budget and Finance departments of York Region, York Catholic District School Board and York Region District School Board in order that they may provide a similar presentation to the public,

That Al Palladini Community Centre, Garnet A. Williams Community Centre and the Civic Centre be identified as the three locations for the forums,

That a notice be published on the Vaughan City Page of local area newspapers and that mobile advertising signs be utilized to advertise the dates and locations of the three 2007 Budget Information/Consultation Forums,

That Budget and Finance staff report back to the February 12, 2007 Council Meeting with a report that addresses the above.

#### **Economic Impact**

A nominal cost will be incurred for the mobile advertising signs.

#### **Purpose**

To inform and engage the public in meaningful dialogue regarding the 2007 Budget process as it relates to the City of Vaughan, York Region, York Catholic District School Board and York Region District School Board services.

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

The City of Vaughan continues to provide excellent service to its residents. It is incumbent upon the City to assess the needs of the public from time to time in order to ensure that current needs and interests are being addressed. It is also incumbent upon the City to ensure that the public is provided with information which will lead to a comprehensive understanding of how tax dollars are allocated.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

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Respectfully submitted,

Linda D. Jackson  
Mayor