

TEMPORARY BORROWING BY-LAW 2008

Recommendation

The Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with the Director of Reserves & Investments recommends:

That Council enact a Temporary Borrowing By-law for an amount up to \$50,000,000 from the City's corporate bank of record.

Economic Impact

There is no cost to have the temporary borrowing available to the City, however there would be an economic impact to the extent of interest carrying costs on amounts borrowed. The funds would only be required in an emergency.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval to allow the City of Vaughan to temporarily borrow funds.

Background - Analysis and Options

Section 407 (1) of the Municipal Act states:

“At any time during a fiscal year, a municipality may authorize temporary borrowing, until the taxes are collected and other revenues are received, of the amount Council consider necessary to meet the current expenditures of the municipality for the year

In the past the City of Vaughan has been able to avoid bank financing for operating purposes. Sound cash management practices supported by fiscal policies have improved Vaughan's financial position. However, as a matter of practice, a temporary borrowing by-law is recommended for unforeseen circumstances. In the event the City requires bank financing, the City's borrowing rate is Bank Prime Rate less 0.50%. Currently the Bank Prime Rate is 5.25%.

The amount borrowed at any one time should not exceed the provisions set out in Section 407 (2) of the Municipal Act:

- a) from January 1 to September 30 in the year, 50 per cent of the total estimated revenues of the municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the year; and,
- b) from October 1 to December 31 in the year, 25 per cent of the total estimated revenues of the municipality as set out in the budget adopted for the year.

The temporary borrowing by-law authorized the City Treasurer, from time to time as conditions may warrant to borrow from the City's corporate bank such sums as may be deemed necessary within the provisions of Section 407 (2) of the Municipal Act up to \$50,000,000. The limit permitted by the Municipal Act based on the 2008 adopted budget is \$90,950,000 from January 1, 2008 to September 30, 2008 and \$45,500,000 from October 1, 2008 to December 31, 2008. This amount increases annually.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council particularly: Management Excellence – Ensure Financial Stability.

Regional Implication

This report as written has no regional implications.

Conclusion

Council authorize the City Treasurer from time to time as conditions may warrant to borrow from the Toronto Dominion Bank in Vaughan, Ontario such sums as may be deemed necessary within the provisions of Section 407 (2) of the Municipal Act.

Attachments

None

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