

## COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

### RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM (RInC) PROJECTS

#### Recommendation

The City Manager, the Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommends:

- 1) That the 2009 Capital Budget be amended to include the capital projects totalling \$570,675 with the identified funding listed on Attachment 1;
- 2) That the inclusion of the matter on a public Committee or Council agenda for the additional funding requested for the approved RInC project listed on Attachment 1 totalling \$570,675 is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-law 394-2002; and
- 3) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documents.

#### Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable.

#### Economic Impact

This report, if approved, will increase the 2009 Capital Budget by \$570,675 and funded \$190,225 Federal government, \$190,225 Provincial government, \$32,000 Parks Infrastructure Reserve and \$158,225 Long Term Debt.

#### Communications Plan

Both the Federal and Provincial Governments will be receiving quarterly progress reports on the status of each approved project. The details regarding the communications will be provided in the formal agreements once they are received.

#### Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council on the status of the approved RInC projects and to amend the City's 2009 Capital Budget and obtain the necessary funding approval for the City of Vaughan's share.

#### Background - Analysis and Options

The Federal Government in its January 27, 2009 Federal Budget introduced four (4) funding programs that could be available to the City of Vaughan: Infrastructure Stimulus Fund; Green Infrastructure Fund, Recreational Infrastructure Canada; and Sectoral Competitiveness.

On June 5, 2009, the Federal and Provincial Governments announced the listing of successful projects totalling \$30.3m that were receiving federal and provincial funding under the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund.

Recreation Infrastructure Canada, on July 8, 2009, announced their list of City of Vaughan approved projects totalling \$1,970,675. One project, construction of the Parks Washroom Facilities at Doctors McLean's Park received approval from both the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund and Recreation Infrastructure Canada. As the same project may not receive funding under more than one Building Canada initiative, the City submitted a letter to RInC formally withdrawing this project and request that the funding totalling \$933,334 be reallocated to other projects previously submitted by the City that the City believes meet the eligibility requirement and selection criteria of the RInC program. A list of projects provided were in priority order as approved by Council.

On September 10, 2009, the City of Vaughan received a letter from Canada-Ontario Recreational Infrastructure Management Committee (Attachment 2) acknowledging the withdrawal request and denying the request to re-direct the fund to other projects in the City of Vaughan.

As a result of the withdrawal of the construction of Parks Washroom Facilities at Doctors McLean's Park, three (3) projects received funding for RInC totalling \$570,675 funded \$190,225 equally by the federal, provincial and municipal level of governments. The proposed funding for the municipal share is \$32,000 from Parks Infrastructure Reserve and \$158,225 from Long Term Debt.

Inclusion of the approved RInC capital projects in the 2009 Capital Budget constitutes an amendment to the 2009 Capital Budget. Before amending a budget, the municipality shall give notice of its intention to amend the budget at a Council meeting. Given the sensitive timeline of this program, By-law 394-2002, Section 2(1)(c) provides that Council may chose other public notice be given which may be for a longer or shorter period or is a different form that Council considers adequate to give reasonable notice.

The standard practice is to bring a financial item of this nature to the Budget Committee; however, due to the stringent program timelines, this report is directed to the Committee of the Whole for consideration.

Staff therefore recommend that the inclusion of the matter in a staff report requesting additional funding on a public Committee or Council agenda is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2 (1)(c) of By-law 394-2002 as these projects have previously been prioritized and approved by Council.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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

#### **Regional Implications**

Not applicable.

#### **Conclusion**

Should Council concur with this proposed funding, this action would be considered as an amendment to the 2009 Capital Budget. Pursuant to the Municipal Act 2001, before amending a budget, a municipality shall give notice of its intention to amend the budget at a Council meeting. Given the stringent program timeline, it is recommended that the inclusion of the matter in a staff report requesting additional funding on a public Committee or Council agenda is deemed to be sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-law 394-2002.

#### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 – Recreation Infrastructure (RInC) Funded Projects

Attachment 2 – Canada-Ontario Recreational Infrastructure Management Committee Letter

#### **Report prepared by:**

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Manager

Marlon Kallideen  
Commissioner of Community Services

Ferrucio Castellarin, CGA  
Director of Reserves & Investments

RECREATION INFRASTRUCTURE (RINC) FUNDED PROJECTS

PROJ NUMB	FILE #	PROJECT NAME	TOTAL AMOUNT	FEDERAL	PROV	CITY	MUNICIPAL FUNDING SOURCE				
							Roads Inf Reserve	AMO Gas Tax Reserve	Parks Inf Reserve	Long Term Debt	Building Inf Reserve
686	PK-6256-09	WOODBRIEGE EXPANSION AREA DISTRICT PARK BOCCCE SHELTER	324,675.00	108225	108225	108,225.00				108,225	
1359	PK-6254-09	MAPLE NATURE RESERVE - DAY CAMP FACILITY	150,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00				50,000	
1504	PK-6255-09	WOODBRIEGE EXPANSION AREA DISTRICT PARK (WEA DISTRICT PARK) - SOCCER FIELD RENOVATIONS WORKS	96,000.00	32000	32000	32,000.00			32,000		
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>570,675.00</b>	<b>190,225.00</b>	<b>190,225.00</b>	<b>190,225.00</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>158,225</b>	<b>-</b>
<p>Note Proj. 2148 formally withdrawn Aug. 27/09</p>											
2148	BF-8264-09	CONSTRUCT PARK WASHROOM FACILITIES AT DOCTOR MCLEAN'S PARK	1,400,000.00	466,666.67	466,667.00	466,666.00					

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September 10, 2009

File No. R1971

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Dear Mr. Castellarin:

Re: Request for Reconsideration of Other Recreational Projects from the City of Vaughan with Withdrawn Funds from Project # R1971.

We would like to thank you for your letter of September 1, 2009 to the Recreational Infrastructure Canada (RInC) Program in Ontario and the Ontario Recreation Program (Ontario REC).

The letter formally withdraws Project # R1971 from the RInC program as it also received funding from the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF).

In addition to confirming the withdrawal of Project # R1971 from the RInC program, the City has requested that the funding that would have gone to Project #R1971 be re-directed to other projects in the City of Vaughan. The Canada-Ontario RInC Management Committee has considered your request and has decided not to approve it. Each application was assessed individually on its own merit, and in order to assure the continuing integrity of the program, it would be inappropriate to approve the transfer of funds intended for one project to another.

Thank you for your interest in the Ontario RInC and REC Ontario programs.

Sincerely,



Jeff Moore  
Federal Co-Chair  
Canada-Ontario Recreational Infrastructure  
Management Committee



Oliver Jerschow  
Provincial Co-Chair  
Canada-Ontario Recreational Infrastructure  
Management Committee