

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 2011

COMMUNICATIONS

Distributed Thursday, March 31, 2011

- C1** Mark Ambrosini, Tennis Courts at Rimwood Estates, dated March 31, 2011 *(Item 2)*
- C2** Commissioner of Planning, Natural Heritage Network (NHN), dated March 31, 2011 *(Item 2)*
- C3** Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer, Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information, dated April 1, 2011 *(Item 2)*

Provided at the Meeting, April 1, 2011

- C4** Commissioner of Community Services, Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information Request, Concord Thornhill Regional Park Artificial Turf – Additional Funding Option, dated April 1, 2011 *(Item 2)*
- C5** Report from the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 21, 2011, titled “2011 PEE WEE Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree, Request for Funding Assistance, Wards 4 and 5”. *(Item 2)*

Please note there may be further Communications.

Magnifico, Rose

From: Mark Ambrosini [markmywordsbaby@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, March 31, 2011 2:25 AM
To: Magnifico, Rose; Di Biase, Michael
Subject: Tennis Courts at Rimwood Estates

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COMMUNICATION C1

Date: Apr 1/11 ITEM NO. 2

Hello Rose,

As per your request from the budget meeting on Monday, here is what we are looking for from the City as far as correcting the situation at Rimwood Park.

The residents of Vaughan and Rimwood Estates are asking the City of Vaughan for the reconstruction and resurfacing of **2 tennis courts** located at Rimwood Park, location Weston Road and Teston Road.

The City of Vaughan had completed an assessment of the tennis courts three years ago and agreed with the residents that the tennis courts were indeed in need of repair and resurfacing. They even suggested that the courts were potentially a safety hazard.

After attending the Budget meeting on Monday it was a shock to hear that Rimwood was bumped down to the number 5 position in priority. Again we were told (many times) that Rimwood would be next/first in line.

Rimwood should be first on the list. This is nothing new and again concerns were brought up over a decade ago. We do not feel as residents that we are receiving proper value for our property tax dollar. I believe the Residents of Rimwood probably pay more tax dollars than any other area in Vaughan. This should seriously be taken into consideration.

Please make sure this makes the Agenda for this Fridays Budget Meeting. I do plan on attending again.

Regards,

Mark Ambrosini

March 31, 2011

To: Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor
Members of Council

Re: Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information Request
Natural Heritage Network (NHN)

Background Analysis and Options

The Natural Heritage Network Study is not required to establish a Natural Heritage Network. Such a network already exists and is designated in the Official Plan under Schedule 2 titled Natural Heritage Network.

In terms of the Urban Structure, Schedule 1, the Natural Areas and Countryside identifies lands which are protected from development and are apart and separate from all other lands which are developable. The Natural Area and Countryside lands represent Greenbelt, Oak Ridges Moraine, river valleys, woodlots, significant wetlands, etc. and represents, along with City parks, approximately 40 per cent of Vaughan's land mass.

The Natural Heritage Network Study is primarily intended to update existing data, to conduct further field investigation and to develop management policies and guidelines to foster resource protection and enhancement.

Given that a large proportion of the Natural Heritage Network Study focus will be on lands that are already part of the Natural Heritage Network, it is difficult to ascribe a large proportion of the Study's cost directly to development and it is therefore concluded that approximately 75 per cent of the work can be attributed to protected lands and approximately 25 per cent attributed to development lands.

The scope of the study has four phases of work. The first phase augments the existing Natural Heritage Network (NHN) by compiling all appropriate information into a comprehensive GIS data base. Other key aspects of Phase 1 are to set ecosystem targets and to compare the existing NHN against the targets to understand the gaps in the system. Phase 2 of the study includes field investigations according to existing protocols: the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide* (MNR 2000) and; the *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guidelines* (TRCA 2009). Phase 3 summarizes the work of the first two phases into a report format. Phase 4 considers different land securement approaches.

Phase 1 could be modified in the following manner as a stand-alone project to be initiated in 2011 as follows:

- a) NHN Inventory and Attribute Information. Complete an inventory of the NHN and additional open space areas, as required, with sufficient attribute information in a GIS format. Clear criteria will be documented providing the rationale for the NHN boundaries. All relevant data will be made available to appropriate staff in a comprehensive GIS format and the information will be utilized in the development review process.

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- b) Gap Assessment. Given that the existing NHN is mapped, the inventory will focus on the attributes of the network drawing upon information in existing studies describing the habitat types and condition (e.g. interior forest, cold water stream reach length, proximity to wetlands, etc.). Information gaps regarding habitat type and/or habitat condition will be identified. In addition, gaps between desired ecosystem targets and the current status of the NHN will be determined according to the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide* (MNR 2000) and the *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guidelines* (TRCA 2009).
- c) Preparation for field investigations in Phase 2. The basic methodology to undertake the field investigations is provided in the *Significant Wildlife Habitat Technical Guide* (MNR 2000) and the *Evaluation, Classification and Management of Headwater Drainage Features: Interim Guidelines* (TRCA 2009). As a result of the augmented data inventory described in Part (a) above, preliminary site locations and specific revisions to the methodology provided in MNR (2000) and TRCA (2009) documents will be identified.

Outcome of Phase 1 will include:

- A GIS database of the NHN (Core Features and other overlays) and the data layers used to determine the NHN layers so that planners in the Development and Policy Planning departments, as well as other City staff, are able to use the data in development review and other studies;
- The GIS database as above with suitable attribute information regarding the main types of habitat (e.g. valley woodlands, valley meadow, valley wetlands, tableland woodlands, tableland meadow, interior forest, etc.) and general habitat quality (e.g. disturbed, semi-natural, natural);
- A report documenting the decision rules and criteria for weighting the data layers in the determination of the NHN boundaries;
- Report describing ecosystem targets and gaps in the current NHN in meeting ecosystem targets; and
- Preliminary methodology for field investigations
- Potentially use the above as a basis for seeking cost recovery (non City funding), such as through a proposal to the Species at Risk Stewardship Program under the Endangered Species Act (2007).

Should the Finance and Administration Committee proceed with this phase, in 2011 the estimated cost to complete the proposed work is \$52,300 funded from taxation.

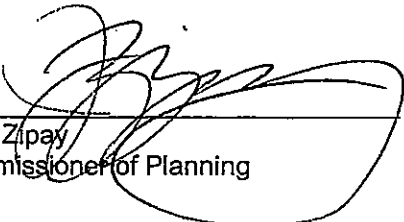
Attachments

Attachments were provided at the March 28, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee.

Conclusion

This report addresses the query by the Finance and Administration Committee on the Natural Heritage Network Inventory project.

Respectfully submitted,



John Zipay
Commissioner of Planning

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FINANCE & ADMIN. CMTEE
COMMUNICATION C3

Date: April 11 ITEM NO. 2

April 1, 2011

To: Honourable Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor
Members of Council

Re: Finance & Administration Committee – April 1, 2011
Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information Request

Background – Analysis and Options

At the March 28th, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee, Committee was provided with additional information that relates to the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget. As a result of these additional capital requests, staff have revised the "Summary of Changes on Requests for Additional Information to the Draft 2011 Capital Budget Presented by Staff" as detailed in Attachment 1.

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Attachment 1– Summary of Changes on Requests for Additional Information to the Draft 2011 Capital Budget Presented by Staff (Revised April 1, 2011)

Conclusion

This report provides the revised funding available by funding source as detailed in Attachment 1 for the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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Barbara Cribbett, CMA
Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer

c: Clayton Harris, City Manager
Senior Management Team
Ferrucio Castellarin, Director of Reserves & Investments
John Henry, Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning

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Summary of Changes or Requests for Additional Information to the Draft 2011 Capital Budget
Presented by Staff
 (Revised April 1, 2011)

	Proposed Capital Cost	Proposed Funding			
		Parks Infrastructure	Taxation	CWDC - Lib Bldg	Shared Cost
Available Funding By Funding Source		\$160,000	\$471,997	\$9,982,146	\$130,000
Additional Funding Identified by Staff		\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Additional Funding Identified - F & A March 21, 2011		\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Available Funding by Funding Source		\$160,000	\$671,997	\$9,982,146	\$130,000
Finance & Administration Committee Supported Thornhill Woods Community Centre -	Library Construction		\$360,300	\$2,702,250	
Adjusted Available Funding After F&A Supported Requests		\$160,000	\$311,697	\$7,279,896	\$130,000
Other Requests Bindertwine Park -	Tennis Court Replacement	\$318,270			
Maple Community Centre -	Installation of Electrical Box	\$21,630			
Vaughan Grove Sports Park -	Sports Field Lighting	\$412,000			
Vaughan Crest Park -	Tennis Court Replacement	\$266,700			
Concord Thornhill Regional Park -	Installation Artificial Soccer Turf Field	\$1,300,000	\$1,170,000		\$130,000
Vaughan Hospital Lands -	Temporary Soccer Fields	\$77,250			
Natural Heritage Network Inventory -	Phase 1	\$52,400			
Funding Required By Funding Source		\$584,970	\$1,733,280	\$0	\$130,000
Identified Shortfall By Funding Source		(\$424,970)	(\$1,421,583)	\$0	\$0



FINANCE & ADMIN. CMTEE
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Date: Apr 1/11 ITEM NO. 2

April 1, 2011

To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Marlon Kallideen, Commissioner of Community Services

Re: **Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information Request
Concord Thornhill Regional Park Artificial Turf – Additional Funding Option**

Background - Analysis and Options

At the March 28, 2011 Finance & Administration Committee meeting, staff were requested to report back on an additional funding option that was put forward by the Committee with respect to the request from the Glen Shields Soccer Club for an artificial turf soccer field at Concord Thornhill Regional Park.

The Finance and Administration Committee identified an additional funding option as follows:

- 1) \$130,000 contribution from Glen Shields Soccer Club; plus,
- 2) Annual net revenue anticipated to be generated by the proposed artificial turf soccer field (over and above revenue generated by the existing unlit senior soccer field) would service a portion of the 10 year debenture; plus,
- 3) Residual to be paid through Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Reserve

Based on the Finance and Administration Committee's proposed option, the funding would be as follows:

1) Glen Shields Soccer Club Contribution	\$130,000
2) Long Term Debenture (LTD) (\$70,000 annual repayment of LTD over 10 years)	\$540,000
3) Residual from Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Reserve	<u>\$630,000</u>
Total	\$1,300,000

Staff Comments:

The annual net revenue generated by the proposed artificial turf soccer field is estimated at \$70,000. This amount is derived by subtracting the total annual revenue generated by the existing senior unlit soccer field at Concord Thornhill Regional Park from the anticipated annual net revenue that may reasonably be generated by the proposed artificial soccer field. The existing artificial turf soccer fields located at McNaughton Park and Vaughan Grove Park have been used as indicators. The \$70,000 annual net revenue may be impacted by seasonal weather conditions and permit demand for the field. Revenue generated over and above the anticipated annual net revenue of \$70,000 will be placed into the Artificial Turf Replacement Reserve. If the anticipated annual net revenue is less than the \$70,000, funding to make up the difference will be drawn from an appropriate Operating Budget account.

Council at its meeting of March 9, 2010 approved By-Law 56-2010, a by-law to establish an Artificial Soccer Turf Infrastructure Replacement Reserve where the additional annual revenues generated by the artificial soccer turf field over and above that generated by a premium soccer

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field will be deposited in the reserve to offset future mayor artificial soccer turf rehabilitation costs. Proceeding with this option would be in contravention of the City's bylaw and it should be noted that the annual contribution to reserves from the net revenue of an artificial field that would be set aside for the repair and replacement of the artificial turf carpet will not be available.

The current policy respecting the use of Cash-in-Lieu funds is clear. Council in October, 1997 approved "that the Parks Cash-in-Lieu Reserve Fund be used solely for the funding of the cost to acquire land required for parks and land acquisition for other recreational purposes". Should Council consider this funding source it would be a one time exception to the Parks Cash-in-lieu Reserve Policy. Staff are concerned that a precedent may be set if this approach is approved.

Additional Option:

The 2008 Development Charges Background Study has one artificial soccer turf identified in inventory with a service level of one for 246,536 residents. The Active Together Master Plan has a provision of one outdoor artificial turf field for every 130,000 resident. The City is looking for a future provision standard in the range of one artificial turf field for every 80,000 to 100,000 residents. This will amount to a target of 4 fields by 2016. At present, in 2011, the City has two artificial turf soccer fields in service and two more approved for construction. Given that development charges are calculated on a ten (10) year average service level, the approval of another additional artificial soccer turf will increase the level of service and as such would not be eligible for development charge funding. Any development charges funding redirected (taken from other eligible DC park development projects) to this project will impact the development of parks scheduled in future years.

Staff recommendation is to wait on the outcome of the grant submission to the Provincial/Territorial Base Funding Program, Sports Stream. Once the outcome is known, staff will report back to Council on preferred / available funding options.

Conclusion

The purpose of this report is to respond to direction from the March 28, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee meeting with regard to an additional funding option put forward by the Committee with respect to the request from the Glen Shields Soccer Club for an artificial turf soccer field at Concord Thornhill Regional Park.

Report Prepared by:

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Mary Reali, Director of Recreation and Culture, Ext. 8234

Respectfully submitted,


for Marlon Kallideen,
Commissioner of Community Services

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FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE – MARCH 21ST, 2011

**2011 PEE WEE GIRLS FASTPITCH CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP JAMBOREE
REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE
WARDS 4 AND 5**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Directors of Parks Development, Parks and Forestry Operations, and Recreation and Culture recommends:

1. That Council provide direction regarding the one time funding commitment of \$28,600 to the Vaughan Baseball Association (VBA) to facilitate the hosting of the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship; and,
2. That upgrades to Tudor Park in the amount of \$30,000 for dugout upgrades and hard surface walkway connections for improved accessibility be approved; and,
3. That the approved amount be included in the 2011 Parks Operating Budget to cover the one time costs outlined in this report.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4:

- To create a vibrant community where citizens, business and visitors thrive.

Economic Impact

There will be a one time impact to the 2011 Parks and Forestry Operations Operating Budget of \$30,000 for dugout covers at both Tudor Park and Concord Thornhill Regional Park (CTRP), as well as hard surface walkway connections for accessibility within Tudor Park and \$28,600 for VBA to host the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree.

The Economic Development Department will coordinate with VBA regarding future tournaments to ensure that maximum economic benefits for both the City of Vaughan and VBA are realized.

Communications Plan

Corporate Communications will assist the VBA in providing communications and logistical support to set up a press conference to announce the hosting of the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree.

Purpose

Recognizing Council desire to reduce the 2011 taxation requirement, the purpose of this report is to seek Council direction in providing financial assistance to VBA. The financial assistance is required to reduce the costs for VBA hosting the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championships Jamboree.

Background - Analysis and Options

- At Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 11, 2011, Mr. Dirk Drieberg of the VBA made a deputation regarding VBA hosting the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree. Mr. Drieberg also requested that the event be held at both Tudor and CTRP on August 17th to 21st 2011 and that the City contributes \$35,000 to offset the costs associated with hosting the event and \$30,000 in capital improvements.

In his deputation, Mr. Drieberg stated that the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree is positioned as a "festive" Championship Jamboree with teams from across the country participating. Last year a pilot project took place in Quebec with 22 teams from across Canada participating. With the Jamboree being proposed in Ontario, more teams will likely enter due to the geographical proximity to the rest of the country. Softball Canada indicates that we could have as many as 30 teams. With the success of the previous tournaments, VBA is confident that the City of Vaughan will be showcased in another successful tournament.

In addition, the tournament provides positive recognition to Vaughan's sports fields. Vaughan fields have been well received by the teams visiting, and they have passed on very positive comments on both the fields and services received in Vaughan. The capital improvements requested will also benefit the community after the tournament is over.

VBA have also recognized the importance of securing venues and accommodations for the participants and their families within Vaughan. VBA is in the process of contacting and negotiating with hotels and restaurants in the area to accommodate this tournament. In addition, the visitors attending are provided with coupons and brochures encouraging them to contribute to the many attractions available in Vaughan to enjoy. Beyond the economic benefits, the publicity and awareness that Vaughan will garner will serve to further promote the positive image of the City.

2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree

The venues for this event proposed by VBA are at Tudor Park and CTRP with a proposed date of August 17-21st. Both parks have the required size and number of fields to accommodate the number of teams expected to participate. VBA has requested a number of improvements to bring the facilities up to the level expected by the tournament organizers. Improvements would include dug out covers at Tudor Park and CTRP. Additionally, a hard surface walkway connecting the diamonds and field house/washrooms at Tudor Park is required for improved accessibility. This improvement is in the department work plan and was originally scheduled for 2012 to comply with the 2015 accessibility guidelines. Tudor Park is being used, as the Vaughan Grove Park will be used for Canadian Bantam Championships. In addition, both Tudor and CTRP meet the regulations required for the Pee Wee Girls fastpitch, which includes depth of outfield and distance between backstop and home plate.

VBA further requested funding assistance in the amount of \$35,000 for the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree for; communications, marketing, security, transportation (for the umpires and representatives from Softball Ontario and Softball Canada only), temporary fencing and bleachers. A budget detailing VBA's expenses and revenue for the Jamboree was provided for review and consideration to support this event (Refer to Attachment 'A'). It should be noted that the VBA does not charge the players or teams a registration fee or administration fee to participate in the Jamboree as the players are representatives of their City and Province.

VBA has projected expenses to be \$95,100. The City of Vaughan in consultation and full support of the VBA, initiated an expenditure control procedure whereby all funds provided by the City of Vaughan (and prior to expenditure by VBA), are subject to scrutiny and final approval by the Director of Parks and Forestry Operations. It is expected that a minimum of three written quotations are secured for each expenditure and that the quotes are made available for review

and approval prior to the expense being finalized. Further, following the completion of the Jamboree, the VBA will be required to provide a full accounting of the event revenues and expenditures that includes submission of all invoices and receipts. They anticipate \$66,500 will be recovered from; sponsorship, ticket sales, snack bar, programs and merchandise sales. VBA requested the \$35,000.00 contribution from the City of Vaughan to off set the difference.

Upon review of the budgets, staff is recommending that the \$35,000 be reduced to \$28,600. The reduction of \$6,400 reflects the forecasted net profit demonstrated in the budget submitted by VBA.

The costs associated with this 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree required for one year only in the Operating Budget are outlined below. Note that for this championship, the teams are responsible for paying for their own accommodation and transportation.

2011 Budget

ITEM	RATIONAL	VALUE
Dug-out covers at CTRP and Tudor Parks		\$17,000
Hard surface walkway at Tudor Park		\$13,000
Cost to Host	Communication & Marketing Security/Site Services Transportation Temporary fencing = (less) – =	\$15,000 \$5,000 \$7,500 \$7,500 = \$35,000 \$6,400 = \$28,600

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OJECTIVES:
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness – To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

It is evident from the positive press releases and national feedback received from the Boys Canadian National Bantam Championships which the City of Vaughan has supported since 2008, that hosting a Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree will strengthen the City of Vaughan's profile and image in the sports network and place the City of Vaughan in more competitive sports circles. However recognizing Council's desire to reduce the 2011 taxation

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requirement staff is seeking Council direction in providing financial assistance for hosting the tournament in the amount of \$28,600.

Staff is also cognizant that other sports groups have similar tournaments and could come forward with similar requests in the future. Therefore staff will be developing a policy and guidelines to be able to assess future request for financial assistance by community groups.

Attachments

Attachment A - Vaughan Softball Jamboree Championships Budget

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Mary Reali, Director of Recreation and Culture, Ext. 8234

Respectfully submitted,

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Marlon Kallideen
Commissioner of Community Services

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Attachment "A"

Vaughan Softball Jamboree Championships Budget

CITY OF VAUGHAN BASEBALL
2011 Softball Jamboree Championships

Budget

Income

Sponsorship	\$	20,000.00
Ticket Sales	\$	20,000.00
Snack Bar	\$	2,000.00
Programs	\$	2,500.00
Merchandise	\$	22,000.00
City of Vaughan	\$	35,000.00
Total	\$	101,500.00

Expenses

Accommodations *	\$	8,000.00
Advertising/Marketing	\$	15,000.00
Host Fees	\$	4,000.00
Softball Canada Officials	\$	3,500.00
Field Preparation/Site Services	\$	9,000.00
First Aid	\$	4,000.00
Merchandise	\$	18,000.00
Programs	\$	2,000.00
Security	\$	2,300.00
Sound Systems/Tents	\$	10,000.00
Transportation *	\$	3,000.00
Umpire Fees	\$	8,000.00
Opening Ceremonies	\$	2,500.00
Flags	\$	300.00
Printing	\$	1,500.00
Parking/Mileage	\$	2,000.00
Misc.	\$	2,000.00
Total	\$	95,100.00

* Umpires and Representatives from Softball Ontario and Softball Canada only.