FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

MAY 16, 2011

VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN BUDGET STATUS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer, the Acting Commissioner of Planning and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommend:

That the Vaughan Official Plan Budget Status report be received for information.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable

Economic Impact

The report as written has no economic impact.

Communications Plan

Staff will advise the resident when this item is coming to the Finance and Administration Committee.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this report is to confirm for Council that the expenditures to date for the Vaughan Official Plan Budget – Project PL 9003 -07 are within the Council approved budget.

Background - Analysis and Options

The following is the status of the Council Approved Budget and Actual Expenditures for the Vaughan Official Plan (VOP) project, as of March 31, 2011 (Attachment #1).

	Actual Expenditures	Budget	Favourable Variance
Consultant	2,824,755.54	2,986,600.00	161,844.46
3% Administration Cost	89,677.55	95,940.00	6,262.45
Miscellaneous Costs	164,496.02	<u>180,000.00</u>	15,503.98
Total	3,078,929.11	3,262,540.00	183,610.89

Budget and Actual Expenditures as of March 31, 2011

The VOP project expenditures of \$3,078,929.11 as of March 31, 2011 are within the approved budget of \$3,262,540.

On April 1, 2011, a resident emailed the Mayor and Members of Council, several staff and members of the public, indicating that based on information he had received through a Freedom of Information (FOI) request, he calculated that the total for the VOP project was \$5,213,920.69, or approximately \$2M over budget (Attachment #2).

Previous to the April 2011 email, on August 9, 2010, the same resident emailed to staff a number of questions regarding the VOP project (Attachment #3). Staff responded on August 24, 2010, (Attachment #4) confirming that the budget was \$3,262,540 and that the year-to-date expenditures as of July 31, 2010 were \$2,711,947.58, within the approved budget.

In response to the resident's question as to why the information received indicated a difference between the actual expenditures of \$2,248,117 recorded as of December 29, 2009 on the Budget/Actual Status report, and the total "Detailed Business Transactions" of \$4,449,617.57, staff explained that the Detailed Business Transaction Report contained both budget adjustments and actual expenditures, whereas the Budget/Actual Status report reported actual expenditures and the total approved budget separately.

Staff has done a significant amount of work to analyze and confirm the actual to budget for the VOP project. The resident has raised the concern publicly that the Vaughan Official Plan project is significantly over budget, therefore staff brought this report forward to formally confirm that the VOP expenditures of \$3,078,929.11 as of March 31, 2011 for the VOP project are within the Council approved budget of \$3,262.540.

The Vaughan Official Plan Budget is comprised of three elements:

- Consultant
- 3% Administration Fee
- Miscellaneous

The following chart, under the column "Budget Adjustment – Consultant" illustrates how the budget adjustments totaling \$2,256,000 (A) plus the actual expenditures of \$2,193,618 (B) (Attachment 5) as of November 30, 2009 total \$4,449,617.57 (C). The important point here is that only \$2,193,618 is expenditure, the balance of \$2,256,000 is simply an audit trail record of Council approved adjustments to the budget.

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Approval Date	2007	Consultant	3% Admin.	Misc.	Total Budget	Accounts
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Approved Budget Increases						
Capital Budget - 2008		1,500,000	45000		1,545,000	
Capital Budget - 2009		1,038,000	37,000	180,000	1,255,000	
Total Budget Increases		2,538,000	105,000	180,000		
Approved Budget Reallocations						
PL 9010-07		-130,000	-3,900		-133,900	Transportation Master Plan
		-40,000	-1,200		-41,200	Parks & Recreation Master Plan
RE 9508-08		-25,000	-750		-25,750	Heritage & Archaelogical Policies
CO-0055-08		-62,000	-1,860		-63,860	Vaughan Tomorrow Inititiative
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December 2009 (Attch. #4)		4,449,618	С			

The additions to the VOP Consultant budget were approved through the 2008 and 2009 Capital Budget processes and were:

- \$1,500,000 Approved by Council March 4, 2008 Attachment #6
- \$1,038,000 Approved by Council April 7, 2009, Attachment #7

Transfers of portions of the VOP project budget, totaling \$282,000, were re-allocations of budget funds to projects related to the Official Plan, but not managed within the Planning Policy department e.g Transportation Master Plan.

The VOP budget was subsequently revised in 2010 to \$3,262,540. The Cultural Heritage Landscape Inventory, originally included in the Official Plan Budget was separated from the Official Plan Budget, and the \$20,000 budget for this work was transferred to the Recreation Department. This resulted in the revised VOP Budget in the amount of \$3,262,540, which is the current budget as of March 31, 2011.

A detailed response to each of the resident's questions is not provided in this report as the majority of questions hinge on an understanding of the two elements (actual expenditure & budget adjustments) totaling \$4,449,618. Staff will provide a copy of this report to the resident.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

The Vaughan Official Plan expenditures of \$3,078,929.11 as of March 31, 2011 are within the approved budget of \$3,262,540.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Vaughan Official Plan Account Status – March 31, 2011 Attachment #2 – April 1, 2011 email from R. Lorello Attachment #3 – August 9, 2010 Letter from R. Lorello Attachment #4 – August 24, 2010 response to R. Lorello Attachment #5 – Vaughan Official Plan Account Status – November 30, 2009 Attachment #6 – 2008 Capital Budget – Vaughan Official Plan Project Summary Attachment #7 – 2009 Capital Budget – Vaughan Official Plan Project Summary

Report prepared by:

Barb Cribbett, Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer, ext. 8475 Ferrucio Castellarin, Director of Reserves & Investments, ext. 8271

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Cribbett, CMA Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer

John Zipay Acting Commissioner of Planning

Ferrucio Castellarin, CGA Director of Reserves & Investments

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From:	Richard Lorello [rlorello@rogers.com]
Sent:	Friday, April 01, 2011 2:49 PM
То:	Shefman, Alan; Cribbett, Barbara
Cc:	Bevilacqua, Maurizio; Carella, Tony; DeFrancesca, Rosanna; Di Biase, Michael; Iafrate, Marilyn; Racco, Sandra; Rosati, Gino; Schulte, Deb; Harris, Clayton; Birchall, Diana; Castellarin, Ferrucio; Michael Prue; Tupchong, Michael; Nick Pinto; Caroline Grech
Subject:	Official Plan Budget - 4rth Request for a Response - Is the City of Vaughan \$2 Million Dollars over budget on another project
Attachment	s: Vaughan Official Plan - 2009 actuals print-out.pdf; Vaughan Official Plan - 2010 actuals print-out.pdf; Official Plan Cost.pdf

Dear Councillor Shefman and Commissioner Cribbett

Cribbett, Barbara

Re: Official Plan Review - 4rth Request Is the City "2 million dollars overbudget ?" on another City Project

Further to my last email below, the following includes information for the last period of 2009 as well as for all of 2010.

	VAUGHAN OFFICIA	L PLAN (VOP) REVIEW	N	
Business Unit Description	Business Unit	Period	Amount	Year
Vaughan Official Plan Review	PL-9003-07-8802	08/15/09 - 11/30/09	4,449,617.57	2007-2009
Vaughan Official Plan Review	PL-9003-07-8802	12/15/09 - 12/31/09	199,064.76	2009
Vaughan Official Plan Review	PL-9003-07-8802	01/01/10 - 12/29/10	455,606.07	2010
Vaughan Official Plan Review	PL-9003-07-8805	03/31/10 - 12/29/10	17,757.86	2010
Vaughan Official Plan Review	PL-9003-07-8808	02/12/10 - 12/29/10	91,874.43	2010
1		Total	\$5,213,920.69	

Based on the above information that was obtained through FOI, the total for the Vaughan Official Plan (VOP), is according to my calculations, **\$5,213,920.69** up to December 29, 2010. It is my understanding that the "Total Budget" for the Vaughan Official Plan was **\$3.282 million. (See att. Official Plan Cost.pdf)**

Did Council authorize the additional funds required to complete the official plan in 2010?

If so, could you please direct me to the Committee or Council meeting showing approval for these additional funds?

See the attachment to see the 2009 and 2010 "actual" expenses for this project.

Keep in mind that this total does not include the transporation component that went to Council separately, but related.

Although admittedly confusing, I would like to point out that:

1. in a Committee of the Whole Meeting on March 22, 2011, additional funding of \$61,800 was requested to cover the cost of additional tasks with the finalization of the VOP 2010.

2. \$506,678.14 was transferred from "City Wide DC - Mgmt. Studies" Account to the Vaughan Official Review Plan.

3. \$56,560.22 was transferred from "Transfer from Taxation" Account to Vaughan Official Review Plan.

4. \$440 was transferred from "Other Recoveries" Account to Vaughan Official Review Plan. In doing so, would this transfer not reduce the cost of the VOP by \$440?

5. The City chose to "title" the reports that went before Council different than the previous reports? See

http://www.vaughan.ca/vaughan/council/minutes_agendas/committee_2011/pdf/CWA0322_31.pdf

Again, I await your response to my previous questions, together with the supporting documentation requested.

It is surprising, that given the vague response previously provided by the Commissioner of Planning, and noting the amounts of money involved, that we may have another City Project which is well over the budgeted amount.

In this regard, one would expect that by now, the City's response would have been forthcoming, not further delayed, especially at Budget time, and considering the City's Response to the Public Policy has not been taken seriously.

Sincerely

Richard T. Lorello

cc. Michael Prue (via e-mail - mprue-qp@ndp.on ca)

--- On Fri, 3/18/11, Zipay, John <John.Zipay@vaughan.ca> wrote:

From: Zipay, John <John.Zipay@vaughan.ca> Subject: RE: Official Plan Budget - 3rd Request for a Response To: "Richard Lorello" <rlorello@rogers.com>, "Shefman, Alan" <Alan.Shefman@vaughan.ca> Cc: "Bevilacqua, Maurizio" <Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca>, "Carella, Tony" <Tony.Carella@vaughan.ca>, "DeFrancesca, Rosanna" <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>, "Di Biase, Michael" <Michael.DiBiase@vaughan.ca>, "Iafrate, Marilyn" <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>, "Racco, Sandra" <Sandra.Racco@vaughan.ca>, "Rosati, Gino" <Gino.Rosati@vaughan.ca>, "Schulte, Deb" <Deb.Schulte@vaughan.ca>, "Cribbett, Barbara" <Barbara.Cribbett@vaughan.ca>, "Castellarin, Ferrucio" <Ferrucio.Castellarin@vaughan.ca> Date: Friday, March 18, 2011, 9:11 PM

Mr. Lorello, the Finance Department is in the process of preparing an explanation to the questions you have asked. While your enquiry is important and taken seriously by all concerned ,everyone has been preoccupied with budget preparation as a first priority. I explained in my Jan 26th reply to your e mail dated Jan25th that a response will be forthcoming as soon as possible. I apologize for the length of time in responding to your second round of questions dealing with the same subject matter. Your request has not been forgotten and I am advised that a reply will be forthcoming next week.

From: Richard Lorello [mailto:rlorello@rogers.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2011 4:02 PM
To: Shefman, Alan
Cc: Bevilacqua, Maurizio; Carella, Tony; DeFrancesca, Rosanna; Di Biase, Michael; Iafrate, Marilyn; Racco, Sandra; Rosati, Gino; Schulte, Deb; Cribbett, Barbara; Harris, Clayton; Zipay, John; Birchall, Diana
Subject: Fw: Official Plan Budget - 3rd Request for a Response

Dear Councillor Sheffman,

Considering that my original enquiry in respect of the above was made on August 9, 2010, we are now approaching 2 months since I received the below email, and I have not received a response to my questions as to what appears to be a seemingly simple request.

I believe I have provided Mr. Zipay, along with the Planning and Finance Department with all the required information and if not, I am sure the City has the information to investigate the response readily available.

Given that the City is currently undergoing a review of the capital budgets, I would expect that a response to what currently appears to be a very serious concern, would have been dealt with in a thorough and accountable manner, after all, we are discussing a potential budget difference of \$1.167 million!

Based on my understanding, as the Finance & Administration Chair and/or Budget Chief, I expect you will take an interest in this matter and in fact, I have also copied the Mayor and Members of Council and welcome their feedback on this matter.

Attached are my previous letters as well as Mr. Zipay's initial response. To re-cap, I am requesting a response to the following:

1. The "Detailed Business Transaction" identifies a total of \$4.449 million in transactions.

<u>15 days later</u>, the Budget/Actual report is run and identifies the "Total Budget" is **\$3.282** million and a total of \$2.248 million was spent or 68.50% of the \$3.282 million Total Budget.

Please provide both a current Budget/Actual report and Detailed Business Transaction report as at the end of December 2010.

2. The following account in the Budget/Actual report as of December 31, 2009 appears to relate to the Official Plan Review:

PL-9010-07 Vaughan Official Plan-Transp \$133,900.00 \$94,366.00 39,534.00 70.50%

What is the current amount budgeted and spent on the account PL-9010-07? Also, why was this not considered or captured in the OP Review's original capital budget?

Is this not related to the Official Plan and if not, why?

3. In reviewing the City's website, specifically Council Minutes as I noted above, I would appreciate being provided with the reports Mr. Zipay referenced above as being council approved. A copy of the links to the reports to Council as well as the Minutes or alternatively, a hard copy of both via e-mail would be acceptable. Unfortunately, as you can see by the links I provided Mr. Zipay in my last e-mail, I was unable to locate any such reports.

4. Request that the Finance Department provide a copy of Document 57681 – March 4, 2008 and Document 65957 – April 7, 2009, as they may actually be related to documents in their

possession. I would appreciate a copy of these documents, as they may be able to quickly outline transfers and/or activity in question.

I don't believe it would be asking too much to have a response March 23nd, 2011.

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Sincerely,

Richard T. Lorello

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 6:56 PM

From: "Zipay, John" <u>John.Zipay@vaughan.ca</u> To:""Richard Lorello" <rlorello@rogers.com>

Cc: "Bevilacqua, Maurizio" <Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca>, "Carella, Tony" <Tony.Carella@vaughan.ca>, "DeFrancesca, Rosanna" <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>, "Di Biase, Michael" <Michael.DiBiase@vaughan.ca>, "lafrate, Marilyn" <Marilyn.lafrate@vaughan.ca>, "Racco, Sandra" <Sandra.Racco@vaughan.ca>, "Rosati, Gino" <Gino.Rosati@vaughan.ca>, "Schulte, Deb" <Deb.Schulte@vaughan.ca>, "Shefman, Alan" <Alan.Shefman@vaughan.ca>, "Cribbett, Barbara" <Barbara.Cribbett@vaughan.ca>, "Shefman, Alan" <Alan.Shefman@vaughan.ca>, "Cribbett, Barbara" <Barbara.Cribbett@vaughan.ca>, "Caroline Grech" <cgrech@yrmg.com>, "Michael McClymont" <michaelmcclymont@hotmail.com>, "Phinjo Gombu" <pgombu@thestar.ca>, "Megan (National Post) O'Toole" <motoole@nationalpost.com>, "NRU Lynn Morrow" <lynnm@nrupublishing.com>, "Birchall, Diana" <Diana.Birchall@vaughan.ca>, "Harris, Clayton" <Clayton.Harris@vaughan.ca>

Mr..Lorello, in response to your e-mail request for further clarification concerning the Official Plan Budget ,both the Planning and Finance Department staff will need to jointly review your request. A response will be given as soon as possible.

--- On Tue, 1/25/11, Richard Lorello <r/orello@rogers.com> wrote:

From: Richard Lorello <rlorello@rogers.com>

Subject: Official Plan Budget

To: "John Zipay" <john.zipay@vaughan.ca>

Cc: "Maurizio Bevilacqua" <Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca>, "Tony Carella"

<Tony.Carella@vaughan.ca>, "Rosanna DeFrancesca" <Rosanna.DeFrancesca@vaughan.ca>, "Michael DiBiase" <Michael.DiBiase@vaughan.ca>, "Marilyn lafrate" <Marilyn.lafrate@Vaughan.ca>, "Sandra Racco" <sandra.racco@vaughan.ca>, "Gino Rosati" <Gino.Rosati@vaughan.ca>, "Deborah Schulte" <Deb.Schulte@vaughan.ca>, "Alan Shefman" <alan.shefman@vaughan.ca>, barbara.cribbett@vaughan.ca, "Caroline Grech" <cgrech@yrmg.com>, "Michael McClymont" <michaelmcclymont@hotmail.com>, "Phinjo Gombu" <pgombu@thestar.ca>, "Megan (National Post) O'Toole" <motoole@nationalpost.com>, "NRU Lynn Morrow" <lynnm@nrupublishing.com>, "diana b birchall" <diana.birchall@vaughan.ca>, "Clayton Harris" <clayton.harris@vaughan.ca>

Date: Tuesday, January 25, 2011, 2:42 AM

Mr. Zipay

I am responding to your August 24, 2010 email in which you responed to some of my concerns regarding the budget for the official plan.

Attached you will find my new letter, Official Plan Budget Review Costs-Jan 24-2011. I have also attached my original letter named, Original Letter Aug 9 Official Plan Cost, to refresh your memory if needed.

I have further questions and concerns regarding the budget for the official plan, in that the summary budget does not add up to the Detailed GL Transaction Report, which I have provided in the link below.

http://tcnanonftp.tcn.net/Official_Plan_Budget_Detailed_GL_Transaction.pdf

I look forward to a reply for the purpose of bringing clarity to the official plan budget.

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Sincerely Richard T. Lorello

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August 9, 2010

VIA E-MAIL

City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan ON L6A 1T1

Attention: John Zipay, Commissioner of Planning Clayton Harris, City Manager Barbara Cribbett, Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer Mayor and Members of Council

RE: Request for Information re Official Plan Review

Dear Mr. Zipay,

By way of this formal letter, since you were unable to respond at the Monday July 26th Public Meeting, where I raised concerns related to the budget and actual expenditures made in relation to the Vaughan Official Plan, I would like to clarify for you in writing what information I am seeking:

Based on information received from the City through freedom of information, related to the Vaughan Official Plan, specifically the department budget as of December 29, 2009 and the Detailed Business Transactions, the following highlighted information appears:

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You will note that the Total Budget is \$3.282 million and a total of \$2.248 million was spent or 68.50% of the \$3.282 million Total Budget. However, the Detailed Business Transaction identifies a total of \$4.449 million in transactions. These transactions include two budget additions (see above) under document 57681 in 2008 and 65957 in 2009. In addition two "Job Cost JE's" were deducted in 2009.

I am hoping you can provide me with the following information:

- 1. Why there is a difference from the Detailed Business Transaction to the Budget and Actuals.
- 2. The date Council approval for the document 57681 in 2008 and 65957 in 2009 budget additions was made?
- 3. The purpose of "Job Cost JE's" deductions in 2009?
- 4. What is the revised budget for the Official Plan?
- 5. What is the YTD cost of the Official Plan?

I look forward to your earliest response.

Sincerely

Ruchard T. Lorello Regional Councillor Candidate, City of Vaughan



August 24, 2010

Via email to: riorello@rogers.com

Richard Lorello 235 Treelawn Blvd PO 927 Kleinburg, ON L0J 1C0

RE: Request for Information – Official Plan Review

Dear Mr. Lorello:

Further to your comments on at the July 28th Public Meeting and your follow-up letter of August 9, 2010 regarding information relating to the Official Plan Review budget and expenditures, I would like to respond to the specific questions that you posed.

Question #1:

Why there is a difference from the Detailed Business Transaction to the Budget and Actual?

Answer:

The Detailed Business Transaction Report is an internal record of all transactions /changes relating to an existing capital project account, which includes authorized budget amendments (both increases and decreases) to the original amount, and all expenditures charged to the account. The Budget and Actual is a break-out of the transaction data into a summary financial report, showing actual expenditures to the approved budget for the capital project and does not indicate budget amendments.

Question #2:

The date Council approval for the document 57681 in 2008 and 65957 in 2009 budget additions was made?

Answer: Document 57681 was approved March 4, 2008.

Document 65957 was approved April 7, 2009.

Question #3: The purpose of "Job Cost JE's" deductions in 2009?

Answer:

The Job Cost Journal Entry deductions are 2 budget amendments where reductions resulted in transferring budget from the Official Plan budget in 2009. The first budget transfer, in the amount of \$62,000, was transferred to Corporate Communication for the Vaughan Tomorrow Initiative communication strategy. The second in the amount of \$25,000 was transferred to Recreation and Culture for Built Heritage & Archaeological Study.



Question #4:

What is the revised budget for the Official Plan?

Answer:

The revised budget for the official plan as at August 24, 2010 is \$3,262,540.

Question #5: What is the YTD cost of the Official Plan?

Answer:

The YTD cost of the Official Plan as at July 31, 2010 is \$2,711,947.58 and is within the approved budget of \$3,262,540.

As you can see from the information provided, not only is the Official Plan Review as of July 31, 2010 within the approved budget but it is also being delivered to Council for consideration on schedule.

Sincerely,

John Zipay

Commissioner of Planning

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