

APPENDIX "A"
CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 76 OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(WORKING SESSION)

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on Tuesday, December 18, 2001*

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) met at 10:12 a.m., on Tuesday, November 27, 2001.

Present: Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair
Mayor Lorna Jackson (10:12 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)
Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase (10:16 a.m. – 1:41 p.m.)
Councillor Bernie Di Vona
Councillor Susan Kadis
Councillor Gino Rosati

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) passed the following resolution:

That the Rules of Procedure with respect to start time be waived to permit the meeting to commence at 10:12 a.m.

The following items were dealt with:

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) resolved into closed session at 1:30 p.m. to consider a Labour Relations or Employee Negotiation issue (Item #1, SPECIAL CONSTABLES). The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) reconvened into open session at 1:40 p.m., with the following members present:

Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair
Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase
Councillor Bernie Di Vona
Councillor Susan Kadis
Councillor Gino Rosati

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SPECIAL CONSTABLES

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends approval of the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed-Working Session).

Confidential report of the Director of Legal Services with respect to the above (for Mayor and Members of Council only).

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TRAFFIC CALMING EVALUATION

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

- 1) That Clauses 1, 3 4, 5 and 6 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works, dated November 27, 2001, be approved;**
- 2) That the recommendation contained in Clause 2 be amended, as follows:**

“That a moratorium be placed on the implementation of any new traffic calming committees in existing areas of the City of Vaughan, with the exception of any existing traffic calming committees that have already received Council approval, which shall be grandfathered, in order to more fully evaluate the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures in existing road allowances in conformity with Engineering Standards;”
- 3) That all Traffic Calming Committees be directed to adhere to the Traffic Calming Standards, and that they be advised that the standards are being reviewed;**
- 4) That representatives from Emergency Services be invited to attend all Traffic Calming Committee meetings whenever possible;**
- 5) That staff be requested to consider alternative traffic calming measures other than speed humps, and that speed humps only be utilized where no other traffic calming measure is applicable and as based on technical data; and**
- 6) That the confidential additional information memorandum from the Deputy City Manager and City Solicitor, dated November 23, 2001, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and City Solicitor, recommends:

- 1. That the following report be received for information purposes;**
- 2. That a moratorium be placed on the implementation of traffic calming in existing areas in the City of Vaughan, with the exception of the three traffic calming projects that have already received Council approval, in order to more fully evaluate the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures in existing road allowances in conformity with Engineering standards;**
- 3. That staff continue to attend community meetings for the remaining Neighbourhood Traffic Committees which do not have approved plans to obtain information regarding traffic concerns, which will be taken into consideration in evaluating the feasibility of implementing traffic calming measures in existing road allowances in conformity with Engineering standards;**
- 4. That surveys be distributed to residents within each completed Neighbourhood Traffic Committee area next year to obtain input on the effectiveness of traffic calming and suggestions on how it may be improved;**

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5. That the implementation of traffic calming measures such as roundabouts and pavement marking in new subdivisions continue in accordance with Engineering standards which require sufficient road allowance widenings at intersections; and
6. That the Engineering Department develop design standard drawings for the City's traffic calming measures, and criteria for determining if or where traffic calming should be implemented.

3 **WINTER MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends:

1. That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works, dated November 27, 2001, be approved subject to deleting Clause 2 of the recommendation, and in Clause 6, inserting the phrase "notwithstanding the Purchasing Policy," immediately following the word "That";
2. That staff be directed to pursue options for securing additional snow storage facilities; and
3. That the following recommendation contained in the confidential additional information memorandum from the Director of Legal Services, dated November 23, 2001, be approved:
 - 1) "That By-law 1-96 be amended to provide for towing of vehicles from public highways where they are interfering with snow clearing and snow removal by the City, and that Staff be authorized to proceed pursuant to the City Purchasing Policy to enter into a contract with a towing company for the City's purposes;" and
 - 2) "That a second salt storage facility be located at the southern limit of Part 1 on Plan 65R-23168, on the City Lands on the west side of Dufferin Street, South of Hwy 407 and that any necessary procedures be undertaken to rezone the lands to permit outside storage of City snow removal vehicles and equipment".

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works recommends:

1. That Council confirm the following service level objectives for winter maintenance:

Primary Roads - Ploughing

- Road ploughing operations commence on Primary roads when accumulations reach 5 cm, or 2 inches.
- One complete pass of road ploughing of Primary roads should be completed within 4 hours of starting, based on an average snowfall, with final completion time being 4 hours after the cessation of the snowfall.
- Re-ploughing of Primary roads may be necessary if accumulations exceed 5 cm or 2 inches during the storm.

Primary Roads – Salting / Sanding

- Salting / sanding shall commence on Primary roads when snow or ice starts to accumulate on the traveled portion of the roadway, causing slippery driving conditions.

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- Salting / sanding shall be used to maintain Primary roads in a bare pavement condition, until such actions become ineffective due to temperature, severity of the storm, or other conditions.
- One complete pass of road salting / sanding should be completed within 4 hours of starting salting / sanding operations.

Secondary Roads - Ploughing

- Road ploughing on Secondary roads commence when accumulations exceed 5 cm or 2 inches and after all Primary roads have been completed.
- One complete pass of road ploughing should be completed within 12 hours of starting ploughing operations on secondary roads, based on a average snowfall, with final completion being 12 hours after the cessation of the snowfall.

Secondary Roads – Salting / Sanding

- Salting / sanding shall commence on Secondary roads only after all Primary roads have been maintained, and when snow accumulations on the traveled portion of the roadway are less than 5 cm or 2 inches.
- One complete pass of road salting / sanding should be completed within 12 hours of starting salting / sanding operations.
- Salting / sanding shall be used to maintain Secondary roads in a limited bare pavement condition after ploughing operations.

Rear Lanes

- Rear lanes are maintained primarily through the application of salt/sand, and only after all other roads have been completed.
- If, after salting and sanding operations accumulations reach 15 cm or 6 inches, or severe rutting occurs, snow removal shall take place.

Sidewalks – Ploughing

- Ploughing of Primary sidewalks commence when 5 cm or 2 inches of snow have accumulated.
- One complete pass of sidewalk ploughing on Primary sidewalks should be completed within 4 hours of starting, based on average conditions
- Secondary sidewalks be ploughed, only after all Primary sidewalks have been cleared
- One complete pass of all Secondary sidewalks should be completed within 16 hours after starting
- In snow storms with accumulations of less than 5cm or 2", the specific course of action will be determined by the Supervisor, taking into account snow depths, type of snow, drifting, icy conditions etc. in order to remedy the situation. Such actions may include limited ploughing, sanding/salting, or no action.

Windrow Clearing

- A ratio of one windrow clearing machine to each road plough shall be maintained during ploughing operations.

Continuing Storms

- Where storms are of such a nature that the above noted standards are exceeded, priority for service will be established based on the higher class of road or sidewalk receiving service before any lower class of road or sidewalk.

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Accidents and Vehicle Breakdown

- In cases of accidents, mechanical breakdown, or other operational problems, the above ploughing times and windrow clearing rations may be exceeded.
- 2. That a further report be brought forward to Council regarding towing of parked vehicles that block snow ploughing efforts.
- 3. That City staff only clear the windrow created by the road plough at Canada Post Mail Boxes;
- 4. That Council receive the public communications plan contained in this report.
- 5. That Council receive the presentation on the Global Positioning System (GPS), that will be used to track the City's winter maintenance vehicles.
- 6. That Council authorize Public Works staff to negotiate with Storage Systems Construction Corp. to construct a second salt storage facility with an upset limit of \$250,000

4 PRESENTATION BY THE UJA (UNITED JEWISH APPEAL) FEDERATION
WITH RESPECT TO THE VAUGHAN CAMPUS

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends that the presentation by Mr. Lou Greenbaum, a member of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, with respect to the Vaughan Campus, be received, and staff continue discussions with the proponents, with a view to exploring a public/private partnership for the benefit of Vaughan and the residents.

5 PRESENTATION BY THE VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
WITH RESPECT TO ISLINGTON/RUTHERFORD RESOURCE LIBRARY

The Committee of the Whole (Working Session) recommends that the presentation by Ms. Rosemary Bonanno, Chief Executive Officer, Vaughan Public Libraries, with respect to the Islington/Rutherford Resource Library, and the additional information dated November 27, 2001, be received and referred back to the Vaughan Public Library Board and City staff for a comprehensive report to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of January 15, 2002, addressing the issues raised.

The meeting adjourned at 1:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Mario Ferri, Chair