

APPENDIX "A"
CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 90 OF THE
SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (BUDGET)

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on Monday, February 10, 2003*

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) met at 6:25 p.m., on December 16, 2002.

Present: Councillor Linda D. Jackson, Chair
 Mayor Michael Di Biase (6:35 p.m.)
 Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
 Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
 Councillor Bernie Di Vona
 Councillor Mario F. Ferri
 Councillor Susan Kadis
 Councillor Mario G. Racco (6:30 p.m.)

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) passed the following resolution:

That the Rules of Procedure with respect to start time be waived to permit the meeting to commence at 6:25 p.m.

The following items were dealt with:

1 2003 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends:

- 1) That an average 2% tax rate increase be forwarded to a public meeting;**
- 2) That the Hydro Joint Services Net Revenue Provision be reduced by \$300,000 to \$0.2m;**
- 3) That a sub-committee comprised of the Mayor, Regional Councillor Frustaglio, Councillors Racco and Ferri, the Fire Chief, Commissioners of Planning and Community Services review the new full-time complement requests for Fire and Rescue Services, Urban Design and Cultural Services; and**
- 4) That the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated December 16, 2002, be received**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with the City Manager, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning (Acting) recommends:

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That subject to any changes made at the December 16, 2002 Council or Special Committee of the Whole – (Budget), the Proposed 2003 Operating Budget, Attachment 1, which includes an average 2.5% tax rate increase, be forwarded to a public meeting;

That the new complement requests, (Attachment 2), incorporated in the Proposed 2003 Operating Budget, be approved prior to final Council approval of the operating budget.

That the Special Committee of the Whole – (Budget) set a date for the public meeting and coordinate that date with the timing of the 2003 Capital Budget public meeting.

2 **2003 DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, dated December 16, 2002, be approved including the capital projects listed in Attachment 1, in the total amount of \$47,810,000, as follows:

<u>Capital Funding Source</u>	<u>\$(000's)</u>
Engineering Reserve	80
Fire Equipment Reserve	170
Heritage Reserve	485
Maple Landfill Reserve	473
Parks CIL 5% Reserve	600
Sewer Reserve	2,660
Uplands Reserve	580
Vehicle Reserve	959
Water Reserve	2,860
City Wide DC – Engineering Services	6,822
City Wide DC –Fire Services	375
City Wide DC – Fleet	34
City Wide DC – Library Buildings	1,363
City Wide DC – Library Materials	1,240
City Wide DC – Management Studies	0
City Wide DC – Parks Development	4,159
City Wide DC – Recreation	14,495
Long Term Debt	6,485
Miscellaneous Revenue – Other	170
Subdividers Contributions	<u>3,800</u>
	<u>47,810</u>

- 2) That staff provide a report on the benefits of ensuring that Parks and Public Works vehicles are equipped with the GPS vehicle tracking system.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services in consultation with the City Manager, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommend:

That the Capital Budget presentation be received;

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That those capital projects not funded from taxation or not requiring co-funding from taxation totalling \$47,810,000 be approved;

That taxation funded capital projects and those requiring co-funding from taxation be referred to a future Committee of the Whole budget session in early January for further review and discussion; and

That staff continue to review previously approved projects with the objective of identifying available funding.

3 **2003 OPERATING BUDGET - SPECIAL AREA LEVY**

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends that this matter be deferred to allow staff to explore further opportunities regarding fire area levies.

Confidential report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services with respect to the above *for Members of Council only*.

4 **COUNCIL BUDGET**

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends:

- 1) That Option 1, Step 1 to Step 5, contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated December 16, 2002, be approved;**
- 2) That Step 6, "Equalization for Mayor and Regional Councillors" be calculated as follows:

 *[(Local Councillors 2002 Budget discretionary costs x 5) + (funding equalization for Wards 1 and 2)] /3;***
- 3) That the Mayor and Members of Council be given the option to either claim mileage or receive an allowance up to a maximum of \$450 per month for 2003;**
- 4) That a full-time position with the position title of "Secretary to Mayor and Members of Council", be approved;**
- 5) That staff provide a report on the budget implications respecting plaques for new high schools;**
- 6) That Council continue to support the Woodchoppers Ball, York Central Hospital Gala, York Finch Hospital Gala and the Police Chief's Dinner fundraising events to a maximum of \$3,000 per event; and**
- 7) That an additional line item of \$15,000 a year be included to cover charges for Blackberries, Personal Digital Device (PDA) upgrades, etc.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk in consultation with the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning (Acting) recommends that Council provide direction respecting the 2003 budgets for the Mayor and Members of Council.

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5 **RATE COMPARISON FOR FACILITY RENTALS**

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated December 16, 2002:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community recommends:

That this report be received for information.

6 **BOULEVARD GRASS CUTTING**

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends:

- 1) That \$66,000 be allocated in 2003 to cover the cost of maintaining Regional boulevards in the City of Vaughan;
- 2) That the Region of York be requested to reimburse the \$66,000 cost of providing this service; and
- 3) That the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated December 16, 2002, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services recommends:

That the Region of York be requested to provide an additional \$66,000 in 2003 to cover the cost of maintaining Regional boulevards in the City of Vaughan.

7 **BARTLEY SMITH GREENWAY/WEST DON RIVER**

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated December 16, 2002:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks recommends:

That the following request from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be received; and

That funding for the works identified for the Bartley Smith Greenway/West Don River be considered for inclusion in the Capital Budget for 2003.

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GRANGER GREENWAY/HUMBER RIVER TRAIL

The Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated December 16, 2002:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks recommends:

That the following request from the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority be received; and

That funding for the works identified for the Humber River/Granger Greenway be considered for inclusion in the Capital Budget for 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Linda D. Jackson, Chair