

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on June 9, 2003*

The Budget Committee met at 3:35 p.m., on May 26, 2003.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Michael Di Biase
Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Councillor Linda D. Jackson
Councillor Susan Kadis
Councillor Mario G. Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati (4:10 p.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

1 **APPOINTMENT OF BUDGET COMMITTEE CHAIR**

Proceedings for the nomination of the Chair were conducted. Councillor Kadis nominated Councillor Di Vona as Chair of the Budget Committee for the remainder of the term. Mayor Di Biase seconded the nomination. Councillor Di Vona accepted the nomination. A vote was taken and Councillor Di Vona was acclaimed as Chair of the Budget Committee for the remainder of the term.

2 **2003 BUDGET YEAR AND 2004 OPERATING BUDGET ISSUES**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated May 26, 2003:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with the City Manager and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommends:

That the issues relating to the 2003 Operating Budget are provided for the Budget Committee's input; and

That the major non-controllable financial impacts identified to-date and relating to the 2004 Operating Budget are provided for the Budget Committee's input.

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2004 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated May 26, 2003, be approved; and
- 2) That the following be approved in accordance with the additional report of the Fire Chief, dated May 26, 2003:
 - “1. Council’s ‘approval in principle’ from Council Meeting February 10, 2003, of the following recommendations:
 - a. Project #3163 Fire Inspector vehicles (2) \$70,000 funded from City Wide DC-Fire Services, BE DELETED from the 2003 Proposed Capital Funding (on page 11 of 20); BE CONFIRMED AS “APPROVED”;
 - b. Project #3164 for vehicle/communications devices and mobile workstation equipment for the new Manager of Emergency Planning, \$50,000 funded from taxation, BE INCLUDED in the 2003 Capital Budget Estimates; BE CONFIRMED AS “APPROVED”; and
 - c. Project #3154-0 \$40,000 funded from taxation, for office renovations, telephone and data circuits, furniture and equipment, for the new Manager of Emergency Planning and the new Fire Prevention Technologist; BE INCLUDED in the 2003 Capital Budget Estimates; BE “DEFERRED” TO THE 2004 CAPITAL BUDGET PROCESS.”

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with the City Manager and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

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BILL 175, SUSTAINABLE WATER & SEWAGE SYSTEMS ACT - UPDATE

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated May 26, 2003:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Finance recommends:

That staff be authorized to retain consulting services through a two stage Request for Qualifications/Request for Proposal process, for the purposes of developing the City’s water and wastewater Infrastructure Management Systems as a result of the legislative requirements of Bill 175 – “Sustainable Water & Sewage Systems Act 2002”; and the necessary funding be provided from the Water and Wastewater Reserves.

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5 2003 WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATING BUDGETS

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Council meeting of June 23, 2003, for a comprehensive report addressing the need for any additional staffing and the impact that it would have on water and wastewater rates.

Recommendation

The Director of Finance, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, recommends:

- 1) That the following report and the 2003 Water and Wastewater Operating Budgets, Attachment 1, and the Water and Wastewater municipal rate comparison, Attachment 2, be received;
- 2) That the 2003 Water & Wastewater Budgets be adopted and the rates in Schedule "A" of By-Law 12-74 be amended for water and By-law 167-73 be amended for wastewater:
 - (a) the City water rate be increased from 58.1 cents to **61.0 cents** per cubic meter effective in July 2003, and
 - (b) the City wastewater rate be increased from 46.2 cents to **48.5 cents** per cubic meter effective July 2003.
- 3) That the recommendation from the Budget Committee be forwarded to the June 23rd Council for a public meeting on the proposed budgets and rates and deputations be permitted.

**6 ONTARIO MUNICIPAL ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE
FINANCING AUTHORITY (OMEIFA)**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated May 26, 2003:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with the Director of Reserves & Investments recommends:

That the Finance & Engineering staff identify projects eligible under this program, and report back to Council prior to submission to the Region.

7 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM – BUDGET EXPANSION

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated May 26, 2003:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, the Executive Director of Buildings, Facilities and Parks, and the Director of Parks recommends:

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That Council approve an additional \$35,000 for the 2003 Communities in Bloom program.

Councillor Ferri declared an interest with respect to the foregoing matter as a member of his family is associated with the Communities in Bloom program, and did not take part in the discussion or vote on the matter.

8 **WILLIAM GRANGER GREENWAY - BARTLEY SMITH GREENWAY**

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Council meeting of June 9, 2003 for a report addressing the implications to TRCA regarding other funding sources, as a result of lack of funds from Vaughan in 2003.

Recommendation

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

That the following funding request for the works identified on the William Granger Greenway and the Bartley Smith Greenway be considered in the 2004 Capital Budget process.

9 **EXTENSION OF BORDEAUX DRIVE**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated May 26, 2003, be approved; and**
- 2) That the cost of the project be recovered from the benefiting landowner(s) and returned to taxation.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments and the Director of Legal Services recommends that:

- 1) That the Extension of Bordeaux Drive be designed and constructed in 2003 as a City-initiated project; and
- 2) That additional funding in the amount of \$170,000 be provided from taxation.

10 **WASTE AND RECYCLING COLLECTION CONTRACTS – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated May 26, 2003, be approved; and**
- 2) That staff provide a report outlining options for the 2004 collection of yard waste, including grass clippings.**

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The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that the following be received for information.

11 **NEW WESTMINSTER DRIVE AT BATHURST STREET**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That a traffic study be conducted by Engineering staff in September 2003, during peak times and rush hour, with respect to the eastbound volume of traffic on Westminster Drive, and the results of the study be provided to a Committee of the Whole meeting in December 2003;
- 2) That the additional report of Councillor Kadis, dated May 26, 2003, be received; and
- 3) That the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated May 26, 2003, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

That modifications to the eastbound lanes of New Westminster Drive approaching Bathurst Street are not considered to be a high priority and are not warranted at this time.

12 **ELECTRONIC SPEED SIGNS**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated May 26, 2003:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information.

13 **ATKINSON GUIDERAIL**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the 2004 budget process; and
- 2) That the following report of Councillor Kadis, dated May 26, 2003, be received.

Recommendation

Councillor Kadis recommends that funding in the amount of \$100,000 be approved for the installation of a steel beam guiderail on Atkinson Avenue in the vicinity of the curve extending from the south of Flamingo Road to the west of Flamingo Road.

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14 OAKBANK POND WOOD DECK – EMERGENCY REPAIR FUNDING REQUEST

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That up to \$75,000 be approved for emergency repairs for the wood deck at Oakbank Pond and staff explore every opportunity to recover the cost of the project; and**
- 2) That the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated May 26, 2003, be received.**

Recommendation

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

1. That \$75,000.00 (plus G.S.T.), be approved for emergency repairs for the wood deck at Oakbank Pond.

15 STREETLIGHT AT MERINO ROAD AND KEELE STREET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That a streetlight and a larger street sign be installed at the corner of Merino Road and Keele Street, and the funding be allocated from Engineering's existing budget; and**
- 2) That the written submission from Ms. Aurelia Bertocchi, Vaughan Cares, P.O. Box 865, Maple, L6A 1S8, dated May 22, 2003, be received.**

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Ferri.

16 EXPANSION OF THE DUFFERIN CLARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

The Budget Committee recommends that staff provide a report with respect to the expansion of the Dufferin Clark Community Centre to the next Budget Committee meeting.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Racco.

17 FINANCIAL REPORTING

The Budget Committee recommends that the verbal report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, be received.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Di Vona.

18 UTILITY COORDINATOR POSITION

The Budget Committee recommends that staff provide a report with respect to the Utility Coordinator position to the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) meeting of June 2, 2003.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Jackson.

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19 **RAINBOW CREEK PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AND WALKWAY
REPAIR AND REPLACEMENT**

The Budget Committee recommends that staff provide a report to the next Budget Committee meeting on the cost of necessary repairs to the Rainbow Creek Park pedestrian bridges and walkways in 2003.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Councillor Jackson.

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The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair