

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 15 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on February 14, 2005*

The Budget Committee met at 1:12 p.m., on December 7, 2004.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Michael Di Biase
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

The following items were dealt with:

- 1** **2005 PROPOSED CAPITAL BUDGET**
(Referred from the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2004)

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves and Investments, dated November 23, 2004, be approved subject to the following:**
- (a) **That the Heritage Conservation District Study for the Village of Maple, in the amount of \$21,000, be added above the funding line in the Heritage Reserve;**
 - (b) **That the Bindertwine Soccer Field Reconstruction project, in the amount of \$206,000, be moved below the funding line and that the Calvary Baptist Church Soccer – Construction project, in the amount of \$443,000, be moved above the funding line in the list of projects to be funded from Taxation; and**
- That surplus monies from Taxation be allocated to the said project;**
- 2) **That staff review the Rainbow Creek Drainage/Erosion – Study project, in the amount of \$62,000, to explore opportunities for appropriate remediation and the feasibility of transferring the ownership of the subject area to the TRCA;**

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- 3) **That the Region of York be requested to contribute towards the Street Sign Inventory and Assessment project, in the amount of \$150,000, and that staff be directed to draft an appropriate letter to the Region; and further**

That the Regional Councillors be requested to raise this matter at the Region; and

- 4) **That staff provide a breakdown of the \$515,000 allocated to the Fire Station #76 – Washrooms, Addition to Captains Office and Sleeping Quarters project.**

The Budget Committee at the meeting of November 23, 2004, recommended the following:

“The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of December 7, 2004.”

Report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves and Investments, dated November 23, 2004:

Recommendation

The City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

- 1) That the capital projects identified above the funding line as Proposed 2005 Capital funded other than Taxation and Long-Term Debt totaling \$32,252,000 (excluding New City Hall) be approved (Attachment 2);
- 2) That the capital projects identified above the funding line as Proposed 2005 Capital funded from Long-Term Debt totaling \$12,711,000 be approved (Attachment 3);
- 3) That the capital projects identified above the funding line as Proposed 2005 Capital funded from Taxation be approved (Attachment 4); and,
- 4) That the 2005 Proposed Capital Budget be forwarded to a future Committee of the Whole at which time a date for a public meeting will be determined.

(Please also refer to Item 2, Budget Committee, Report No. 14)

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**VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD
2005 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET REQUESTS**

(Referred from the Budget Committee Meeting of November 23, 2004)

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That staff review the Vaughan Public Library Board’s request for funding in the amount of \$220,000 for an Integrated Voice Communication System; and**
- 2) **That the deputation of Ms. Eileen Burrell, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board, and correspondence dated November 15, 2004, be received.**

The Budget Committee at its meeting on November 23, 2004, recommended the following:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of December 7, 2004, and the Vaughan Public Library Board be invited to attend; and

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- 2) That an invitation be extended to the Vaughan Public Library Board to attend all other Budget meetings, if they so wish.

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of November 16, 2004, recommended the following:

That the correspondence from Ms. Eileen Burrell, Chair, Vaughan Public Library Board, dated November 15, 2004, with respect to the Board's 2005 Operating and Capital Budget requests, be referred to the Budget Committee meeting of November 23, 2004.

(Please also refer to Item 12, Budget Committee, Report No. 13, Item 4, Budget Committee, Report No. 14)

3 **TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION OF FULL-TIME CREW
AT VOLUNTEER FIRE STATION 7- 4**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Fire Chief, dated December 7, 2004:

Recommendation

The Fire Chief recommends:

1. That the report of the Fire Chief regarding the Temporary Accommodation of Full-time Crew at Volunteer Fire Station 7-4 be received.

4 **HIGHWAY 400 NORTH EMPLOYMENT AREA
SECONDARY PLAN STUDY
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated December 7, 2004:

Recommendation

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

1. THAT a Request for Proposals be prepared based upon the attached draft Terms of Reference for the Highway 400 North Employment Area Secondary Plan Study;
2. THAT, following Council direction, the study commence under a Request for Proposals at a cost not to exceed \$160,000.00;
3. THAT notwithstanding Council's policies that no service category in a pre-financing position (deficit) be increased and that no commitment be more than 50% of anticipated revenues for any service category that is already in a pre-financed position, Council provide direction as to the inclusion of this study in the amount of \$160,000 (funded \$16,000 from Taxation and \$144,000 from City-Wide Development Charges – Management Studies) in the Proposed 2005 Capital Budget; and
4. THAT the attached Draft Terms of Reference recommended by staff be considered and adopted by the Committee and forwarded to Council for approval at its January 24, 2005 Meeting.

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**5 HIGHWAY 427 EMPLOYMENT AREA SECONDARY PLAN STUDY AREA
TERMS OF REFERENCE**

The Budget Committee recommends that the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning and the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated December 7, 2004, be approved subject to replacing “June 2005” where it appears in Clause 8 with the words “no later than June 1, 2005”:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning and the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommend:

1. THAT a Request for Proposals be prepared based upon the attached draft Terms of Reference for the Employment Secondary Plan Study Area as identified in OPA 600 consisting of two phases:
 - a. Phase 1 – Highway 427 Corridor Identification Study; and
 - b. Phase 2 – Land Use Study and Secondary Plan.
2. THAT following Council direction, the Phase 1 – Highway 427 Corridor Identification Study commence under a Request for Proposals at a cost not to exceed \$75,000, to be completed in June of 2005;
3. THAT, after Phase 1 is completed a decision of Council will be required to proceed with the Phase 2 - Land Use Study and Secondary Plan;
4. THAT following Council direction, the Phase 2 Study will commence under a second Request for Proposals at a cost not to exceed \$160,000 to be completed in the fall of 2005;
5. THAT notwithstanding Council’s policies that no service category in a pre-financing position (deficit) be increased and that no commitment be more than 50% of anticipated revenues for any service category that is already in a pre-financed position, Council provide direction as to the inclusion of this study in the amount of \$235,000 (funded \$23,500 from Taxation and \$211,500 from City-Wide Development Charges – Management Studies) for consideration during the Proposed 2005 Capital Budget deliberations;
6. THAT the approved Terms of Reference be used as the basis for preparing and releasing a formal Request for Proposals for Phase 1 of the study in accordance with the requirements of the Purchasing Department.
7. THAT the attached Draft Terms of Reference recommended by staff be considered and adopted by the Committee and forwarded to Council for approval at its January 24, 2005 Meeting;
8. THAT the timeframe set previously for completion of the Phase 1 report be revised from March 31, 2005 to June 2005;
9. THAT once approved, the Terms of Reference be sent to: the Provincial Ministers of Public Infrastructure Renewal, Environment, Transportation, Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Economic Development and Trade; the Regions of York and Peel; the Cities of Brampton and Caledon; and, Canadian Pacific Railway, for their information; and
10. THAT Council direction to request landowners in the Study Area to make contributions towards the study is not necessary as these costs are growth related and will be recovered through City-Wide Development Charges.

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REQUEST FOR PROVINCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That staff provide a report to the Budget Committee meeting of December 14, 2004 addressing the budget shortfall; and

That staff be directed to draft a resolution to be forwarded to the Province of Ontario requesting assistance in this regard; and
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Paul De Buono, Vaughan Watch, be received.

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

(Please also refer to Minute No. 10, Council meeting of January 24, 2005)

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REQUEST FOR A REPORT WITH RESPECT TO THE COMPENSATION REVIEW

The Budget Committee recommends that staff be directed to provide a detailed report on the Compensation Review, including the 2005 budget implications.

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

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REQUEST FOR A REPORT WITH RESPECT TO INCENTIVE PAYMENTS

The Budget Committee recommends that staff be directed to provide a report with respect to incentive payments made and further, that staff provide the Budget Committee with a copy of the Management By-law.

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

(Please also refer to Item 8, Budget Committee, Report No. 16)

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**REQUEST TO INCLUDE ITEMS ON THE DECEMBER 14, 2004
BUDGET COMMITTEE AGENDA**

The Budget Committee recommends that the following items be included on the December 14, 2004 Budget Committee Agenda:

- Communities in Bloom – Requested by Regional Councillor Ferri
- Recycling Projects – Requested by Councillor Shefman
- Citizens' Charter of Rights and Responsibilities (Budgetary Implications) – Requested by Councillor Carella

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Regional Councillor Ferri and Councillors Shefman and Carella.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair