

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

The Budget Committee met at 9:40 a.m., on January 11, 2005.

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

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

The Budget Committee resolved into Budget Committee (Closed Session) at 12:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing a matter relating to labour relations or employee negotiations, with respect to Item 4, 2005 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET. The Budget Committee reconvened into open session at 12:20 p.m., with the following members present:

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

The following items were dealt with:

1 PLANNING APPLICATION FEES – FINANCIAL IMPACT OF BILL 124

This matter was dealt with and adopted at the Council Meeting of January 24, 2005 under Minute No. 11.

2 OPERATING BUDGET 2005 – RECREATION FEE INCREASES

This matter was dealt with and adopted at the Special Council Meeting of January 24, 2005 under Minute No. 18.

3 COUNCIL BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be deferred for discussion with Members of Council.

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Recommendation

The City Clerk requests direction respecting the 2005 Corporate Council, Mayor and Councillors budgets.

(Please also refer to Item 3, Special Committee of the Whole (Budget), Report No. 4)

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2005 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the 2005 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, incorporating the following Budget Committee directives from today's meeting, be brought forward to the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2005:**
 - (1) **That Windrow Snow Clearing be deleted from the list of Additional Senior Management Recommendations for Revenue Increases and Cost Reductions;**
 - (2) **That staff provide a report with respect to implementing a reporting system for all major contracts and that the said report include a spreadsheet listing all contracts, renewal dates and related tendering process timelines; and further**
That 60 days be added to the timelines to provide sufficient time for contract renewals;
 - (3) **That following the January 20, 2005 Library Board meeting, Vaughan Public Libraries provide comments on the overall expenditure reduction recommended by Senior Management;**
 - (4) **That with respect to Waste Management, staff provide a report to the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2005, on options for implementing a bag limit, including a fee to be charged for bags in excess of the proposed bag limit and an implementation plan;**
 - (5) **That staff provide a status report to the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2005 on disabled parking infractions; and further**
That staff provide a report by the end of February 2005 on the matter of how disabled parking violations are dealt with in the courts;
 - (6) **That staff report on options for repayment of the Hydro Vaughan Holdings Transfer/Loan;**
- 2) **That the confidential recommendation of the Budget Committee (Closed Session) of January 11, 2005, be approved; and**
- 3) **That the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated January 11, 2005, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommends:

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- 1) That the following report updating the status of the 2005 Draft Operating Budget be received; and
- 2) That staff be provided with direction relating to the continued utilization of one-time subsidies to assist in the balancing of the 2005 Draft Operating Budget; and
- 3) That the impact of the Budget Committee's direction on the use of one-time subsidies be incorporated into the Draft Operating Budget; and
- 4) That the 2005 Draft Operating Budget, including recommended revenue increases and cost reductions contained in this report to reduce the average tax rate percentage increase be approved; and
- 5) That the 2005 Draft Operating and Capital Budgets, including any Budget Committee recommendations from today's meeting, be brought forward to the Special Committee of the Whole meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2005.

(Please also refer to Item 7, Special Committee of the Whole (Budget), Report No. 4)

5 SINGLE VS MULTIPLE TAX RATES – OPERATING BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, dated January 11, 2005:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance in consultation with the City Manager recommends:

That the following report be received for information purposes.

**6 OPERATING BUDGET 2005 – DEPUTATION FROM THE SENIORS ASSOCIATION
OF VAUGHAN INC. (S.A.V.I.)**

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2005, for a comprehensive report addressing all the deputation requests made by S.A.V.I. at the November 23, 2004 Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture recommends:

1. That this report be received for information; and,
2. That \$2,500.00 be added to the Recreation and Culture 2005 Operating Budget to support initiatives of the S.A.V.I. committee.

(Please also refer to Item 5, Special Committee of the Whole (Budget), Report No. 4 and Item 5, Budget Committee, Report No. 2)

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2004 POSITION VACANCIES

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That staff provide an updated vacancy list that details the nature of the vacancies and that for approved new positions a current job description be provided along with an explanation as to why the position should be filled; and
- 2) That the following report of the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services, dated January 11, 2005, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, recommends that:

The following report on the nature of the 2004 vacancies be received.

(Please also refer to Item 4, Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) Report No. 4)

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NEW BUSINESS - GIS

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the GIS strategy be completed and moved above the funding line; and
- 2) That staff provide a report with respect to the future direction of GIS in the City of Vaughan.

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

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NEW BUSINESS – APPLIANCE COLLECTION FEE

The Budget Committee recommends that staff provide a detailed status report to the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting of January 18, 2005 with respect to the appliance collection service and fee charged for said service.

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

(Please also refer to Item 6, Special Committee of the Whole (Budget), Report No. 4)

The meeting adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair