

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**REPORT NO. 3 OF THE**  
**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

*For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Vaughan  
on February 21, 2005*

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The Budget Committee met at 9:35 a.m., on February 16, 2005.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair  
Mayor Michael Di Biase (11:55 a.m.)  
Councillor Tony Carella  
Councillor Peter Meffe  
Councillor Alan Shefman  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri (9:55 a.m.)  
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (10:03 a.m.)  
Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson (10:00 a.m.)

The Budget Committee resolved into Budget Committee (Closed Session) for the purpose of discussing personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees, with respect to Item 8, CONTRACT POSITIONS. The Budget Committee recessed at 12:25 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 1:05 p.m. and recessed again at 1:05 p.m. and reconvened into open session at 2:15 p.m. with all members present.

The following items were dealt with:

**1                    SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON FALSE FIRE ALARM CHARGES**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That Clause 1 contained in the following report of the Fire Chief and the Director of Financial Services, dated February 16, 2005, be approved subject to adding the phrase “on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and successive malicious or nuisance alarms in the calendar year” immediately following the word “occurrence”;
- 2) That a full-time complement position be added in the Financial Services department, funded from approximately \$28,000 from the revenues generated from invoicing for false alarms and a reduction in part-time salaries in the Financial Services department of \$22,000;
- 3) That the program not reimburse if preventative measures have been taken;
- 4) That staff provide a report addressing the definition of “educational institutions” in relation to possible exemptions from this program; and

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**5) That staff report on a communication strategy to advise the public of this program.**

**Recommendation**

The Fire Chief and the Director of Financial Services, in consultation with the City Manager, recommends:

1. That the VFRS 2005 Operating Budget includes authorization to implement a program, including appropriate by-law preparation or by-law amendments as required to enable the City to invoice property owners for VFRS response to all false or unnecessary automated fire alarm system activations on the basis of a cost recovery fee of \$350 per occurrence, effective May 1, 2005;
2. That a full-time complement position be added in the Financial Services department, funded by a combination of a reduction in part-time salaries and approximately \$28,000 from the revenues generated from invoicing for false alarms; and,
3. That the request for an increase to the VFRS staffing complement to include an administrative staff resource position to charge property owners for VFRS response to false fire alarms, as part of responsibilities for departmental financial and statistical administration and transactions, be deferred to the outcome of the current Operational Review of the VFRS;

**2 SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT ON PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATION PROGRAM**

**The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Fire Chief and City Manager, dated February 16, 2005, subject to the addition of the phrase “as a priority” following the word “considered” in Clause 1:**

**Recommendation**

The Fire Chief and City Manager, in consultation with the Director of Recreation & Culture, the Director of Buildings & Facilities, the Director of Reserves and Investments, the Director of Human Resources, the Manager of Health & Wellness Programs and the Manager of Special Projects, Licensing & Permits Insurance Risk Management, recommends:

1. That funding of \$110,000 required in excess of the existing \$40,000 allocated for Phase 1 of the Heart Alive Public Access Defibrillation Program, to allow implementation in up to 15 City of Vaughan facilities (Community Centres, Civic Centre, Annex/Temporary Offices and JOC), including the acquisition of up to 27 automatic defibrillators and direct and indirect training costs for up to 81 employees as Targeted Responders, be considered in the 2006 Budget Process;
2. That all future City-provided mandatory or voluntary Standard First Aid & CPR training courses for employees include the provision of automatic defibrillator training and recertification;
3. That the Heart Alive Public Access Defibrillation program will eventually provide publicly accessible defib units in major community facilities and the provision of trained Targeted Responders will be on a “best-efforts”, but not guaranteed availability basis;
4. That the Vaughan Fire & Rescue Service continues responsibility for the implementation of the Heart Alive Program in collaboration with the Community Services Department, Human Resource Services and other department representatives as deemed appropriate; and
5. That Council be kept informed of the implementation progress.

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**3                    ADDITIONAL VEHICLE REQUESTS – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

**The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:**

**Recommendation**

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

1. That the proposed 2005 Capital Budget be amended to include the purchase of four additional service vehicles for the Water Wastewater & Drainage Division of the Public Works Department, at an estimated cost of \$150,000; and
2. The source of funding for two vehicles be from City-Wide Development Charges – Fleet \$135,000, from the Water Reserve \$7,500, and from the Sewer Reserve \$7,500.

**4                    PROPERTY TAX ASSISTANCE FOR LOW INCOME SENIORS**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) **That the property tax rebate to qualifying seniors in the City of Vaughan be increased in 2005 by the amount equal to the 2005 property tax increase;**
- 2) **That the public be informed of this increase; and**
- 3) **That the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, dated February 16, 2005, be received.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That direction to increase the City of Vaughan property tax rebate to qualifying seniors from \$225 to \$250 in 2005 be considered.

**5                    COMPREHENSIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

**The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

1. The comprehensive waste management plan be presented at the Committee of the Whole – Working Session of March 1, 2005; and,
2. This report be received for information,

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**6 FILLING VACANT CLERICAL "C" POSITION – PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

That the Permanent Part-time Clerk "C" position in the Public Works Department be temporarily filled.

**7 FILLING VACANT TECHNICAL SENIOR ENGINEERING ASSISTANT POSITION -  
DEVELOPMENT/TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

The Contract Full-time Senior Engineering Assistant Position in the Development/Transportation Engineering Department be temporarily filled for approximately seven months.

**8 CONTRACT POSITIONS**

The Budget Committee recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Budget Committee (Closed Session) of February 16, 2005, be approved.

**9 2005 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET**

The Budget Committee recommends:

1) That the 2005 proposed Operating and Capital Budgets, incorporating the Budget Committee directives from today's meeting including the following, be forwarded to the Special Council meeting of February 21, 2005 for adoption:

(1) That the utilization of one-time subsidies to assist in the balancing of the 2005 Draft Operating Budget be approved;

(2) That the impact of the Budget Committee's direction on the use of one-time subsidies be incorporated into the Draft Operating Budget;

(3) That the following new complement requests be approved:

1 Full-time Aquatic Coordinator (Chancellor CC) - Recreation

1 Full-time Instructor Guard (Chancellor CC) - Recreation

1 Full-time Clerk Assistant (Chancellor CC) - Recreation

1 Full-time Area Recreation Supervisor (Chancellor CC) - Recreation

2 Full-time Active Living Coordinators (Chancellor CC) - Recreation

1 Part-time Clerical and 4 Part-time Community Clerks (Chancellor CC) - Recreation

1 Full-time Clerk Assistant (Vellore CC) - Recreation

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- 1 Full-time Aquatic Coordinator (Vellore CC) - Recreation
  - 1 Full-time Instructor Guard (Vellore CC) - Recreation
  - 1 Full-time Area Recreation Supervisor (Vellore CC) - Recreation
  - 2 Full-time Active Living Coordinators (Vellore CC) - Recreation
  - 1 Part-time Clerical and 4 Part-time Community Clerks (Vellore CC)
  - 2 Full-time Facility Operator II (Chancellor CC) – Building and Facilities
  - 2 Full-time Facility Operator II (Vellore CC) – Building and Facilities
  - 2 Full-time Park Attendants - Parks
  - 1 Full-time Horticultural Supervisor - Parks
  - 1 Full-time Parks Coordinator – Parks
  - 1 Full-time Secretary – (Operational Audit)
  - 1 Full-time Project Manager – (Finance and Corporate Services)
  - 1 Temporary Full-time (Management) Secretary – (Budget and Financial Planning)
  - 1 Part-time Treasury Clerk – Accounts Receivable/Collections (Accounting Services)
  - 1 Part-time contract position for Communities in Bloom (Community Services);
- (4) That the Administrative Assistant/Office Co-ordinator position in the City Manager's office continue for the remainder of 2005 on a contract basis, if required, and that consideration be given to making this a full-time position in 2006;
- (5) That the Chancellor Community Centre expansion be opened no earlier than January 1, 2006;
- (6) That staff provide by March 15, 2005 an updated vacancy list that details the nature of all vacant full-time positions as of March 1, 2005 and that the related job descriptions be provided;
- (7) That funds not be allocated in the Commissioner of Economic/Technology Development and Communications budget for the Smart Vaughan Portal;
- 2) That a presentation with respect to a financial strategy for the 2006 budget be added to the agenda for the next Council/SMT Retreat;
- 3) That the memorandum from the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated February 16, 2005, be received; and
- 4) That the following report of the City Manager, dated February 16, 2005, be received.

**Recommendation**

The City Manager, in consultation with the Senior Management Team, recommends:

That the following report updating the 2005 Operating Budget be approved and the updated 2005 Operating and Capital Budgets, be forwarded to the February 21, 2005 Council meeting for approval.

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**10 FILLING VACANT GIS TECHNICIAN-INFORMATION PROCESSOR POSITION –  
ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

The Full-time GIS Technician-Information Processor Position in the Engineering Services Department be temporarily filled for approximately eleven months.

**11 FILLING VACANT CO-OP ENGINEERING POSITIONS -  
ENGINEERING SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

That the 3 Contract Co-op Engineering Positions; 2 in the summer semester, 1 in the fall semester, be filled.

**12 FILLING VACANT POSITION  
TRAFFIC ENGINEERING SUMMER/FALL SEMESTER COOP STUDENTS  
ENGINEERING SERVICES SECTION – ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 16, 2005:

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

The Contract Traffic Engineering Summer/Fall Semester Coop Student Positions in the Engineering Services Section of the Engineering Department be temporarily filled for a four-month term each starting in May 2005 and ending in August 2005 and starting September 2005 and ending December 2005.

**13 VELLORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE CAPITAL BUDGET 2005**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clause 2 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated February 16, 2005, be approved; and
- 2) That \$440,000 be allocated as a deferred item from the 2004 Capital Budget to the proposed 2005 Capital Budget for Vellore Village Community Centre.

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**Recommendation**

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

1. That \$440,000 be added to the proposed 2005 Capital Budget for Vellore Village Community Centre; and,
2. That the funding source be obtained from City-Wide Development Charges - Recreation in the amount of \$396,000 and \$44,000 from taxation.

**14                                    GREATER TORONTO AREA POOLING SOCIAL SERVICE COSTS**

**The Budget Committee recommendation was dealt with and adopted at the Special Council Meeting of February 16, 2005, under Minute No. 42.**

**15                                    SCHOOL CROSSING GUARDS**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the School Crossing Guard Policy be reviewed in consultation with the School Boards, with special attention being given to crossing guards that have the opportunity to do more than one leg of the intersection; and**
- 2) That the following report of Regional Councillor Jackson, dated February 16, 2005, be received.**

**Recommendation**

Local and Regional Councillor Linda Jackson recommends:

THAT staff be directed to conduct studies of pedestrian crossings to determine if additional crossing guards are warranted, and

THAT the studies be conducted for St. Clare school at Santa Barbara Place and Velmar Drive, for Divine Mercy school at Melville Avenue and Cunningham Drive, for Blessed Trinity school at Hawker Road and Springside Road, for Holy Family school at Conley Street and New Westminster Drive, for St. John Bosco school at Belview Avenue and Stan Gate, and for St. Gregory the Great school at Valeria Boulevard and Greenpark Boulevard, and

THAT funds be allocated to the budget for additional crossing guards if warranted at these locations.

**16                                    NEW BUSINESS - REMOVAL OF WALL IN THE SENIORS' ROOM  
AT FATHER ERMANNO BULFON COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**The Budget Committee recommends:**

- 1) That funds be included in the 2005 proposed budget for the removal of a wall in the Seniors' room at Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre; and**
- 2) That staff provide a report to the Special Council meeting of February 21, 2005 with respect to the funding source and any other implications regarding this matter.**

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The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Mayor Di Biase.

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The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair