

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 40 OF THE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
(CLOSED SESSION)

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on June 15, 2005*

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) met at 4:00 p.m. on June 8, 2005.

Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri, Chair
 Mayor Michael Di Biase
 Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
 Regional Councillor Linda Jackson
 Councillor Tony Carella
 Councillor Bernie Di Vona
 Councillor Peter Meffe
 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco
 Councillor Alan Shefman

The following items were dealt with:

1 CONFIDENTIAL MEMORANDUM DATED MAY 19, 2005
ENTITLED "LICENSING ISSUES"

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.

2 CITY AGREEMENT WITH 653099 ONTARIO LIMITED – 2900 HWY. 7, WEST OF CREDITSTONE

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.

3 RATES OF PAY FOR TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES – COUNCIL ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS
(Referred from Council meeting of May 24, 2005)

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That those individuals hired on a temporary basis to assist the Council Administrative Assistant be paid \$15.00 per hour for all hours worked;**
- 2) That those individuals hired for less than one month to replace the Council Administrative Assistant during an approved absence be paid \$17.00 per hour for all hours worked;**

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INSURANCE POLICY RENEWAL 2005-2006

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) **That the option to renew the contract for the City's insurance policies for one year with Frank Cowan Company Limited be exercised and staff be authorized to negotiate insurance coverage with Frank Cowan Company Limited for the period of July 01, 2005 to June 30, 2006; and**
- 2) **That the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 8, 2005, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk, in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, the Manager Special Projects, Licensing & Permits Insurance-Risk Management and the Director of Purchasing Services, recommends:

That the option to renew the contract for the City's insurance policies for one year with Frank Cowan Company Limited be exercised and staff be authorized to negotiate insurance coverage with Frank Cowan Company Limited for the period of July 01, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Economic Impact

Sufficient funds have been budgeted to cover the premium for the 2005-2006 insurance policies.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval to negotiate insurance coverage for the City of Vaughan for the period of July 01, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting of May 10, 2004 Council directed the City Clerk to issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) for general insurance and a risk management program for the City of Vaughan. The RFP was prepared effective May 20, 2004 with a closing date of June 07, 2004. Submissions were opened on June 07, 2004.

A total of two (2) submissions were received, Frank Cowan Company Limited and Canadian Insurance Brokers. The latter did not submit a bid. The only bid submission was from Frank Cowan Company Limited, (Cowan), the City's current insurance provider. Cowan was awarded the contract to insure the City of Vaughan for a period of one year commencing July 01, 2004 and ending June 30, 2005. The policy awarded provides the option to renew for two additional, one-year periods on a year-to-year basis depending on quality of service, mutual agreement and annual premium negotiations between the Broker and the City. The Clerks department is satisfied with the services provided by Cowan.

The insurance market has not changed in the past year. Based on responses to RFP'S in the past, Cowan is the major player in insurance coverage for municipalities. Staff is of the opinion that issuing another RFP for insurance services at this time will not bring any other providers forward. Market conditions for public entity insurance in Ontario continue to be difficult. Attached is a letter from our insurers addressing this (Attachment #1). In addition as noted in the letter, Vaughan's claims loss ratio continues to be unfavourable. Initial discussions with Cowan indicated that they would be seeking a $\pm 25\%$ increase in the City's premium. However, in continuing discussions, staff are confident that by adjusting some of our deductibles to be more in line with what other comparable municipalities deductibles are and subject to a favourable analysis of the projected impact of adjusting

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SOCCER CENTRE EMAIL

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) be approved.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) by Mayor Di Biase.

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COLLECTIONS CLERK

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends that the position be put on hold pending a report to Council.

The foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) by Councillor Meffe.

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri, Chair