CITY OF VAUGHAN

REPORT NO. 2 OF THE

BUDGET COMMITTEE

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 26, 2007

The Budget Committee met at 9:45 a.m., on February 20, 2007.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair

Mayor Linda D. Jackson (ex-officio) (10:25 a.m.)

Councillor Tony Carella

Councillor Peter Meffe (9:50 a.m.)

Councillor Alan Shefman

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco (9:50 a.m.)

Also Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio (10:20 a.m.)

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati (10:25 a.m.)

The following items were dealt with:

1 <u>USER FEE/SERVICE CHARGE REVIEW</u>

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated February 20, 2007:

Recommendation

The City Manager recommends:

That the increases in user fees and service charges outlined in Attachment 1 and have been incorporated into the Draft 2007 Operating Budget be received for information and input.

2 2007 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the following additional information be provided:
 - a) a detailed breakdown of "Grouped Expenses" expenditures;
 - b) justification for the \$99,150 proposed budget for "Special Events/Public Relations";
 - c) a detailed breakdown of "Corporate Promotions" budget expenditures;
 - d) a detailed breakdown of advertising expenditures for "Mayor, Members of Council and Council Corporate";

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- e) a detailed breakdown of departmental advertising expenditures; and
- f) a detailed breakdown of "Corporate Communications" advertising expenditures for the City Page and various other newspapers;
- 2) That staff provide a report on advertising options to a Committee of the Whole meeting as soon as possible;
- 3) That the Vaughan Public Library Board expenditures be reported separately; and
- 4) That the report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning, dated February 20, 2007, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning recommends:

That the following report be received for information purposes.

3 2007 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET – DETAILS SUPPORTING ADDITIONAL RESOURCES REQUESTS

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning, dated February 20, 2007, be received; and
- 2) That staff implement an ongoing process concurrent with the budget process in order to provide Members of Council with the justification respecting new staff complement requests.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning recommends:

That the following report be received for information purposes and the additional requests be approved.

4 TASK FORCE ON DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION AND RENEWAL

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the next Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting.

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella in consultation with Mr Steven Del Duca, Chair, Go Vote Vaughan, recommends that Council authorize the creation of a task force to address the issue of voter participation in municipal elections in the City of Vaughan, in order to determine;

- (1) by means of a scientifically-rigorous poll and anecdotal reports of citizens submitted by a variety of means (including but not limited to on-line responses to a questionnaire available at the City's website) why citizens *do not* exercise their democratic right to vote;
- (2) what opportunities, as suggested by experts in these matters or as demonstrated in other

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jurisdictions, may exist for increasing participation in municipal elections by current and future eligible voters;

- (3) how such opportunities might best be realized in the context of the City of Vaughan, in order to increase voter participation in future municipal elections; such task force to be governed by the attached terms of reference and, with respect to "Panel 1" of the task force only, co-chaired by Councillor Carella and Mr. Del Duca:
- (4) and further, that the costs of this initiative, as indicated immediately below, be paid from the Election Reserve.

5 VAUGHAN PUBLIC LIBRARY – 2007 BUDGET REQUEST

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, dated February 20, 2007:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

That the attached memo from the Vaughan Public Library Board staff with respect to an anticipated increase in the funding request from the Vaughan Public Library Board be received.

6 LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLANNING – INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING STRATEGY

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning and the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated February 20, 2007, be received; and
- 2) That the presentation of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and presentation material entitled, "A Sustainable Community Long-Range Financial Planning Infrastructure Funding Strategy", dated February 20, 2007, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning and the Director of Reserves & Investments in consultation with the City Manager and the Senior Management Team recommends:

- That the following report and presentation on the proposed Infrastructure Funding Strategy be received;
- 2. That Council provide direction with respect to an infrastructure repair and replacement funding strategy; and
- 3. That the strategy be incorporated into the 2007 budget.

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2007 DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET

The Budget Committee recommends that the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated February 20, 2007, be received.

Recommendation

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

- 1. That the following report on the 2007 Draft Capital Budget be received for information and discussion purposes:
- 2. That Council amend the Development Charges policy guideline previously approved by Council to recognize that most growth related studies must proceed in advance of development and allow the management studies to be undertaken in advance of the DC funds being collected;
- 3. That recognizing that the Block 10 community centre is the next indoor recreation facility to be constructed based on the development charge (DC) capital plan that Council commit the DC funds currently collected for indoor recreation (\$15M) and sufficient future funds to be collected forto the future construction of the North Thornhill Community Centre; and
- 4. That the funding for the green bin program approved in 2006 be amended to reflect the recent approval of a Green Funds grant thereby eliminating the requirement for taxation funding and reducing the use of "gas tax" funding.

LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED) PROPOSED TRAFFIC SIGNAL LAMP REPLACEMENT

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated February 20, 2007:

Recommendation

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

1. That the replacement of the existing incandescent lamps in the City's traffic and pedestrian

		signals with the light emitting diode (LED) type be approved;
	2.	That the conversion be completed through a three year program to replace 16 intersections per year at a cost of approximately \$124,000.00.
The meeting adjourned at 12:48 p.m.		
Respectfully submitted,		
Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair		