

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 5 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on May 7, 2007*

The Budget Committee met at 4:10 p.m. on April 23, 2007.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Mayor Linda D. Jackson (ex-officio)
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Peter Meffe
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

The following items were dealt with:

1 **BUDGET FORUM RESULTS**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clause 1 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 23, 2007, be approved; and
- 2) That the deputation of Ms. Deb Schulte, 76 Mira Vista Place, Woodbridge, L4H 1K8, be received.

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommend:

- 1) That the following report be received for discussion purposes; and
- 2) That the Budget Committee provide further direction as necessary.

2 **ART DRIVE, RUSHWORTH CRESCENT AND CARDISH STREET
REPAVING OPPORTUNITIES**

(Referred from the Budget Committee meeting of April 17, 2007)

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The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated April 17, 2007:

The Budget Committee, at its meeting of April 17, 2007, recommended the following:

That this matter be referred to the next Budget Committee meeting.

Report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works dated April 17, 2007

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That this report be received for information.

3 BLOCK 10 COMMUNITY CENTRE FUNDING

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the budget in the amount of \$25,974,500 be approved for the construction of the Block 10 Community Centre;**
- 2) That all recreation development charges on hand and to be collected be allocated to fund the construction until the necessary funds (\$23,377,050) have been collected;**
- 3) That the balance of the taxation funding, in the amount of \$1,097,450 be committed from the 2008 operating budget;**
- 4) That the balance of the development charges funds in the amount of \$8,527,000 be collected over the balance of 2007; and**
- 5) That the report of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 23, 2007, be received.**

Recommendation

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

That the following report be received for information purposes.

4 PEDESTRIAN AND BICYCLE MASTER PLAN

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioners of Engineering & Public Works, Community Services and Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 23, 2007:

Recommendation

The Commissioners of Engineering & Public Works, Community Services, and Finance & Corporate Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning recommend:

- 1. That the Commissioners of Engineering & Public Works, Community Services, and Finance &**

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Corporate Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Planning, will jointly prepare a work program and undertake the associated work;

2. That a report with recommendations be brought forward to the last Committee of the Whole meeting in May 2008; and
3. That a bicycle to parking spot ratio be examined as part of the City-wide Parking Standards Review proposed to be undertaken in 2007 by the Commissioner of Planning.

5 **VAUGHAN BOULEVARD SIDEWALK**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering & Public Works, dated April 23, 2007:

Recommendation

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

That the Vaughan Boulevard Sidewalk works in the amount of \$11,000 be funded from Capital Project 1567-0-05 Sidewalks & Streetlights – Older Areas. As a result no new funding is required to do this work.

6 **RECRUITMENT OF VACANT POSITIONS**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager and the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services, dated April 23, 2007:

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services, in consultation with the Director of Human Resources, recommend:

THAT this report be received.

THAT Staff be required to justify an ongoing vacancy once it has been vacant for beyond eight (8) months.

7 **2007 DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated April 23, 2007:

Recommendation

The City Manager and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services in consultation with Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommend:

1. That the Proposed 2007 Capital Budget totaling \$59,581,565 comprised of funding of \$41,159,750 from sources other than taxation and long-term debt (Attachment 2), \$10,969,000 from long-term debt (Attachment 3) and \$7,452,815 from taxation (Attachment

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- 4) for projects identified above the funding line be approved;
2. That the Proposed 2007 Capital Budget be forwarded to the May 7, 2007 Council meeting for receipt and referral to a Special Council meeting to receive public input and;
3. That the appropriate notice be given, as per City By-Law 394-2002, for a Special Council meeting on May 22, 2007.

8 **2007 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) **That staff be directed to provide a report to the next Budget Committee meeting outlining options to reduce the current 2007 draft operating budget, including Vaughan Public Libraries budget, by a total of \$1 million dollars;**
- 2) **That staff explore opportunities for increasing revenues and provide a report outlining related options to the next Budget Committee meeting; and**
- 3) **That the following report of the City Manager, the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Acting Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning, dated April 23, 2007, be received.**

Recommendation

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

- 1) That Budget Committee approve the 2007 Draft Operating Budget provided as Attachment 1;
- 2) That the 2007 Draft Operating Budget be forwarded to the May 7, 2007 Council meeting for receipt and referral to a Special Council meeting to receive public input; and
- 3) That the appropriate notice be given, as per City By-law 394-2002, for a Special Council meeting in May 22, 2007.

9 **STRATEGIC PLANNING DEPARTMENT BUDGET REVIEW**

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated April 23, 2007:

Recommendation

The City Manager in consultation with the Senior Manager of Strategic Planning recommends:

- 1) That this report, including Attachment 1. 2007/2006 Strategic Planning Department Budget be received.

10 **WOODBRIAGE DISTRICT HERITAGE STUDY**

The Budget Committee recommends:

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- 1) That the Commissioner of Planning be directed to meet with the consultants retained by the City with respect to the Kipling Corridor Study;
- 2) That staff report on how Woodbridge heritage issues might be addressed as a result;
- 3) That taxation funding in the amount of \$100,000, less any portion that can be funded from voluntary business contributions, donations from individuals, or any other sources be placed in the Heritage Reserve; and
- 4) That the following deputations be received:
 - a) Mr. Jamie Maynard, 75 William Street, Woodbridge, L4L 2R9;
 - b) Ms. Deb Schulte, 76 Mira Vista Place, Woodbridge, L4H 1K8; and
 - c) Mr. Ken Maynard, 8074 Kipling Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 2A1.

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

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GTA POOLING

The Budget Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services make arrangements to have the matter respecting GTA Pooling discussed at a Regional Treasurers meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair