

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 6 OF THE
BUDGET COMMITTEE

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

The Budget Committee met at 11:14 a.m., on May 1, 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 (11:50 a.m.)

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri (11:40 a.m.)
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati

The following items were dealt with:

1 **POTENTIAL BUDGET REDUCTIONS**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Senior Management Team, dated May 1, 2007, be approved;
- 2) That the sources of funding opportunities to reduce the 2007 operating budget by \$1.0 m identified in the foregoing report, be approved;
- 3) That to further reduce the tax rate increase in 2007, the proposed reduction in funding from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve (\$2.0m) should be achieved over 2 years, rather than 1 year;
- 4) That the proposed 2007 operating budget be approved and referred to a Special Council meeting on May 22, 2007 to receive budget input;
- 5) That the proposed User Fee/Service Charges be approved and referred to a Special Council meeting on May 22, 2007 to receive public input; and
- 6) That public notice be given in accordance with By-law 394-2002 with respect to the Special Council meeting.

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Recommendation

The City Manager, Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Senior Management Team recommend:

That the following report be received for information purposes.

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**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION
STATUS OF STUDIES CONDUCTED BY CONSULTANTS
START OF 2003 TERM OF COUNCIL TO-DATE**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the memorandum of the City Manager, dated May 1, 2007, be received; and**
- 2) That staff provide a quarterly status report on projects completed, projects to be done, and any impact on timelines.**

That the foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by the City Manager.

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SMART VEHICLES

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That Project FL-5083-07 (Vehicle Replacement By-law) be replaced with two (2) Smart Cars for the amount of \$36,000 and the budget be increased by \$5,000;**
- 2) That staff report back in the Fall to the Environmental Task Force on the effectiveness of the Smart Cars and opportunities for Smart Cars for other departments; and**
- 3) That a marketing plan be developed advising the public of this initiative.**

That the foregoing matter was brought to the attention of the Committee by Mayor Jackson.

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TAX POOLING

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That staff provide a report on the status of allocation of funds from GTA Pooling;**
- 2) That the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services meet with the other eight (8) municipal treasurers, or respective counterparts, to discuss this issue; and**
- 3) That the Mayor request a meeting with representatives from the various local municipalities to attend a Task Force on GTA Pooling.**

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

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The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair