

**CITY OF VAUGHAN
COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 23, 2009**

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

COUNCIL MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2009

MINUTES

1:00 P.M.

Council convened in the Municipal Council Chambers in Vaughan, Ontario, at 1:08 p.m.

The following members were present:

Mayor Linda D. Jackson, Chair
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Bernie Di Vona
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

33. PRESENTATION – MS. MAXINE RONESS, CIVIC HERO AWARD, WARD 4

Council presented Ms. Maxine Roness with the Ward 4 Civic Hero Award, for her dedicated service to the community.

34. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT the agenda be confirmed.

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Di Vona

That the following addendums be added to the agenda:

1) **SHOVEL READY PROJECTS**

Report of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee with respect to the above.

2) **ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.04.029
1096818 ONTARIO INC. C/O ARTHUR FISCH
1260 AND 1272 CENTRE STREET – WARD 4**

Confidential report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor with respect to the above.

- 3) ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 669 (THORNHILL YONGE STREET STUDY, 2005)
THORNHILL HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN - BY-LAW 323-2007
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION, FILE OP.05.004
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION, FILE Z.05.011
SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, FILE DA.08.024
HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION, FILE HP 2008.015
THORNHILL VILLAGE PLAZA INC. AND M4 DEVELOPMENTS INC.
7584 TO 7616 YONGE STREET AND 14 ARNOLD AVENUE – WARD 5

Confidential report of the Director of Legal Services with respect to the above.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Upon the question of the main motion:

CARRIED AS AMENDED

35. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

Mayor Jackson declared an interest with respect to Item 1, Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 16, LEGAL ADVICE, COMPLIANCE AUDIT – LINDA D. JACKSON, as the matter deals with her expenses.

Regional Councillor Frustaglio declared an interest with respect to Item 1, Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 16, LEGAL ADVICE, COMPLIANCE AUDIT – LINDA D. JACKSON, as she was the subject of a similar audit.

Councillor Di Vona declared an interest with respect to Item 1, Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 16, LEGAL ADVICE, COMPLIANCE AUDIT – LINDA D. JACKSON, as he is the subject of an audit which has similar implications.

36. ADOPTION OR CORRECTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Councillor Shefman
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT the minutes of the meeting of February 24, 2009 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

37. TAX ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTIONS 357, 358, 359 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT, S.O. 2001

No one appeared in support or opposition of the matter.

MOVED by Councillor Di Vona
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Financial Services, dated March 23, 2009, be approved:

CARRIED

Recommendation

The Director of Financial Services, in consultation with the Manager of Property Tax & Assessment recommends:

That the tax adjustments as outlined on the attached report be approved.

Economic Impact

The City's share of these property tax adjustments is approximately \$70,336. A provision for tax adjustments has been budgeted.

Communications Plan

As required by the Act, notification of this meeting has been sent to all applicants and persons in respect of whom the applications were made, at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Purpose

To obtain Council's approval for the increase or cancellation of property taxes as permitted under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Background - Analysis and Options

Sections 357 and 358 – Cancellation, Reduction or Refunds:

Twenty-two (22) applications have been prepared for Council's consideration for the cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes for the current and prior tax years, under sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*. There are various reasons for tax adjustments such as property becoming exempt, roll numbers being cancelled by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), buildings that have been demolished or razed by fire, and properties that have been over assessed by a gross or manifest clerical error. These tax adjustments do not relate to collection issues.

Eight (8) applications have been included for Council's consideration but do not require adjustment. They have not qualified for any adjustment under sections 357 and 358 of the *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*.

The total cancellation, reduction or refund of taxes, as recommended is \$557,064. The City portion of this amount is \$76,926, or approximately 14%. The tax adjustments relating to commercial and industrial properties are prior to any recalculations resulting from the capping legislation.

Section 359 – Increase of Taxes:

One (1) application has been prepared under section 359, *Municipal Act, 2001, as amended*, for Council's consideration. The increase in tax on the application is the result of a review of the account where the Supplementary tax bill was incorrectly calculated. Reasons for Section 359 adjustments can include gross or manifest errors that are clerical or factual, including transposition of figures, topographical, but cannot be an error in judgment in assessing the land. The total additional tax as recommended is \$834.35. This City portion of this amount is \$109.72.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

The Region's share of these property tax adjustments is approximately \$149,987 or 27%.

Conclusion

Council approval of the applications in this report will allow staff to proceed with the property tax adjustments as applicable. The applicant also has the right to appeal the decision to the Assessment Review Board if so desired.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Tax Appeal Report

Report prepared by:

Maureen E. Zabiuk, A.I.M.A., AMTC
Manager, Property Tax & Assessment
Ext. 8268

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

38. TAX ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 356 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT 2001

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Di Vona

That this matter be dealt with later in the meeting.

CARRIED

Refer to Minute No. 41 for disposition.

39. DETERMINATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

The following items were identified for separate discussion:

Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report No. 9

Item 3

Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) (2) Report No. 11

Item 1

Committee of the Whole Report No. 12

Item 2

Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 13

Item 1

Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Report No. 14

Item 3

Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 16

Item 1

Strategic Planning Committee Report No. 1

Items 5 and 6 (reconsidered)

Budget Committee Report No. 3

Items 1 and 6

Addendum Items

1, 2, and 3

MOVED by Councillor Di Vona
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Items 1 to 5 of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report No. 9, with the exception of the item identified for separate discussion, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted;

THAT Item 1 of the Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report No. 10, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted;

THAT Items 1 to 21 of the Committee of the Whole Report No. 12, with the exception of the item identified for separate discussion, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted;

THAT Items 1 to 3 of the Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Report No. 14, with the exception of the item identified for separate discussion, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted;

THAT Items 1 and 2 of the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report No. 15, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted;

THAT Items 1 to 2 of the Environment Committee Report No. 2, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted;

THAT Items 1 to 6 of the Strategic Planning Committee Report No. 1, with the exception of the items identified for separate discussion, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted; and

THAT Items 1 to 9 of the Budget Committee Report No. 3, with the exception of the items identified for separate discussion, BE APPROVED and the recommendations therein be adopted.

CARRIED

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

That Council resolve into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the following matters:

- i) Addendum 1, SHOVEL READY PROJECTS, advice that is subject to solicitor/client privilege;
- ii) Addendum 2, ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.04.029, 1096818 ONTARIO INC. C/O ARTHUR FISCH, 1260 AND 1272 CENTRE STREET – WARD 4, litigation or potential litigation; and
- iii) Addendum 3, ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING, OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 669 (THORNHILL YONGE STREET STUDY, 2005), THORNHILL HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN - BY-LAW 323-2007, OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION, FILE OP.05.004, ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION, FILE Z.05.011, SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, FILE DA.08.024, HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION, FILE HP 2008.015, THORNHILL VILLAGE PLAZA INC. AND M4 DEVELOPMENTS INC., 7584 TO 7616 YONGE STREET AND 14 ARNOLD AVENUE – WARD 5, litigation or potential litigation.

CARRIED

Council recessed at 1:30 p.m.

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Council reconvene at 3:29 p.m.

CARRIED

Council reconvened at 3:29 p.m. with the following members present:

Mayor Linda D. Jackson, Chair
Regional Councillor Joyce Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Bernie Di Vona
Councillor Alan Shefman
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

40. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) REPORT NO. 9

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 3 DRAFT GROUP HOMES LAND USE STUDY
 FILE 15.34.4
 Referred Item (Item 4, CW(WS) Report No. 5)

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Di Vona

THAT Item 3, Committee of the Whole (Working Session) Report No. 9 be adopted and amended, as follows:

By receiving the written submission from Velta Mussellam, 16 Shieldmark Crescent, Thornhill, L3T 3T5, dated January 5, 2009.

CARRIED

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) (2) REPORT NO. 11

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 1 CITY PAGE ADVERTISING AND NOTIFICATION OPTIONS
Referred Item (Item 5, CW(WS) Report No. 9)

MOVED by Councillor Di Vona
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Clauses 1 to 7 of the Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) (2) meeting of February 23, 2009, be referred for discussion with Budget Report No. 3, Item 6, "CITY PAGE ADVERTISING COSTS AND LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE FEATURE", called for discussion at the Council meeting of March 23, 2009.

CARRIED UPON A RECORDED VOTE

YEAS

Councillor Di Vona
Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Mayor Jackson
Councillor Yeung Racco
Regional Councillor Rosati
Councillor Shefman

NAYS

Councillor Carella

Refer to Minute No. 39.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION) REPORT NO. 13

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 1 PROPERTY MATTER WARD 1
KEELE STREET ROAD WIDENING BY YORK REGION
10190 KEELE STREET, MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT Item 1, Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 13 be adopted and amended, as follows:

By receiving the confidential memorandum from the Director of Legal Services, dated March 16, 2009.

CARRIED

41. **TAX ADJUSTMENTS PURSUANT TO SECTION 356 OF THE MUNICIPAL ACT 2001**

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Financial Services, dated March 23, 2009, be approved; and
- 2) That the deputation from Mr. Pavel Ionin, be received.

CARRIED

Recommendation

The Director of Financial Services, in consultation with the Manager of Property Tax and Assessment recommends:

That the tax adjustments as outlined on the attached report be approved in accordance with the requirements under the Municipal Act.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact to the City of Vaughan.

Communications Plan

As required by the Act, notification of this meeting has been sent to all applicants and persons in respect of whom the applications were made, at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval for the apportionment of property taxes as permitted under the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

Background - Analysis and Options

Section 356 – Division Into Parcels:

Twenty-eight (28) applications have been received to sever property that was returned on the roll as one parcel. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) provides the City with a report outlining the value of each separate piece, and the taxes levied on the single piece are apportioned to the various parts in accordance with the assessment.

An apportionment does not result in a reduction or increase of taxes; it simply shares the taxes levied among the parcels based on the apportioned value of assessment. Should any property owner disagree with the recommendation approved by Council, they can appeal the decision to the Assessment Review Board (ARB) for a further hearing.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no Regional implications in this Report.

Conclusion

Council approval of the recommendations in this report will allow staff to bill the separate property owners their proportionate share, and confirm their right to appeal the decision to the ARB. If no appeals are filed with the ARB, staff will proceed with the property tax apportionments.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Severance Report

Report prepared by:

Maureen E. Zabiuk, A.I.M.A., AMTC
Manager, Property Tax & Assessment
Ext. 8268

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Refer to Minute No. 38 for further disposition.

42. CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS REQUIRING SEPARATE DISCUSSION

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (PUBLIC HEARING) REPORT NO. 14

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 3 OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT FILE OP.08.017
 RENEÉ NICOLINI
 WARD 2

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT Item 3, Committee of the Whole (Public Hearing) Report No. 14 be adopted and amended, as follows:

By receiving the following written submissions:

- a) Ms. Diana Lombardi, 80 Bruce Street, Vaughan, L4L 1J4, dated February 20, 2009;
- b) Mr. Bill Kiru, Planning and Development, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, 5 Shoreham Drive, Downsview, M3N 1S4, addressed to Mr. Clement Messere, City of Vaughan Planning Department, dated February 23, 2009; and
- c) Councillor Tony Carella, addressed to Mr. Lorenz Schmidt, Balor Development Services Ltd., dated March 12, 2009.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE REPORT NO. 12

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 2 STATEMENT OF REMUNERATION AND EXPENSES FOR MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND OTHER BODIES FOR THE YEAR 2008

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

THAT Item 2, Committee of the Whole Report No. 12 be adopted and amended, as follows:

By approving that Attachment 1 be replaced with the revised attachment contained in the memorandum of the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated March 23, 2009; and

By approving that the media be provided, by the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, with a comprehensive explanation of the process by which expense information, as found in this report, is collected, totaled and posted.

CARRIED

At this point in the meeting, Mayor Jackson relinquished the Chair to Regional Councillor Rosati.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (CLOSED SESSION) REPORT NO. 16

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 1 LEGAL ADVICE
COMPLIANCE AUDIT – LINDA D. JACKSON

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Item 1, Special Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) Report No. 16 be adopted without amendment.

CARRIED

Having previously declared an interest Mayor Jackson did not take part in the discussion or vote on the foregoing matter.

Having previously declared an interest Regional Councillor Frustaglio did not take part in the discussion or vote on the foregoing matter.

Having previously declared an interest Councillor Di Vona did not take part in the discussion or vote on the foregoing matter.

Mayor Jackson resumed the Chair.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 1

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 5 2008 CELEBRATING OUR SUCCESSES REPORT

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Item 5, Strategic Planning Committee Report No. 1 be adopted without amendment.

CARRIED

ITEM - 6 STRATEGIC COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That this matter be reconsidered.

CARRIED

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Item 6, Strategic Planning Committee Report No. 1 be adopted without amendment.

CARRIED UPON A RECORDED VOTE

YEAS

Councillor Carella
Councillor Di Vona
Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Councillor Yeung Racco
Regional Councillor Rosati
Councillor Shefman

NAYS

Mayor Jackson

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 3

(Refer to Committee Report for complete recommendations and documentation on all Committee items.)

ITEM - 1 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CIB) 2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Councillor Carella

THAT Item 1, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be adopted and amended, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with the memorandum from the Director of Economic Development, dated March 20, 2009:

“That Council endorses the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Conference Operating Budget as amended to reflect up-dated 2009 Revenues and Expenditures for the project.”

By receiving the report of the Director of Economic Development, dated March 9, 2009.

CARRIED

ITEM - 6 CITY PAGE ADVERTISING COSTS AND LAUNCH OF
NEW WEBSITE FEATURE

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Councillor Carella

THAT Item 6, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be adopted without amendment.

NOT VOTED UPON

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Regional Councillor Rosati

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of March 30, 2009.

FAILED TO CARRY

MOVED by Regional Councillor Rosati
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT Item 6, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be adopted and amended, as follows:

By approving the following Clauses from the Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) (2) meeting of February 27, 2009:

- 5) That the memoranda from the Director of Corporate Communications, dated February 27, 2009, and the Solicitor, dated February 19, 2009, be received;
- 6) That the deputation of Mr. Robert Falbo, Director of Advertising and Distribution, Vaughan Citizen, 8611 Weston Road, Suite 29, Vaughan, L4L 9P1, and submissions, be received; and
- 7) That the deputation of Mr. Don Bettger, Director of Group Sales, Vaughan Today, 101 Wingold Avenue, Toronto, M6B 1P8, be received.

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Di Vona

THAT Item 6, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be further amended, as follows:

By approving the following Clauses from the Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) (2) meeting of February 27, 2009:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Corporate Communications, dated February 23, 2009, be approved;
- 2) That notices of what categories of information can be found on the City's website continue to be published to the end of the year;
- 3) That \$15,000 be allocated for advertising in LoSpecchio;
- 4) That staff be directed to report back by the end of July 2009, on any new marketing opportunities presented by the local media to enhance city-wide communications;

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Regional Councillor Frustaglio
seconded by Councillor Shefman

THAT Item 6, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be further amended, as follows:

By approving that staff bring back an assessment report at the end of 2009 reviewing the new implemented strategy as it relates to the communications in the local papers and the web page; and

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Di Vona

THAT Item 6, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be further amended, as follows:

By approving Clause 5 of the Budget Committee recommendation of March 9, 2009, as follows:

- 5) That a portion of the savings realized from suspending the publication of the City Page in local newspapers be devoted over the balance of the year to publicizing in all local newspapers that have ever received City advertising, the fact that all City-related announcements can be found at the City's website on a 24/7 basis;

AMENDMENT

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Di Vona

THAT Item 6, Budget Committee Report No. 3 be further amended, as follows:

By receiving the report of the Director of Corporate Communications, dated March 9, 2009.

CARRIED

Voting upon the amendment regarding Clause 5 of the Budget Committee:

CARRIED

Voting upon the amendment requesting an assessment report:

CARRIED

Voting upon the amendment regarding Clauses 1, 2, 3, and 4 was split as follows:

Voting upon Clause 3 (\$15,000 To LoSpecchio):

CARRIED UPON A RECORDED VOTE

YEAS

Councillor Carella
Councillor Di Vona
Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Regional Councillor Rosati

NAYS

Councillor Shefman
Mayor Jackson
Councillor Yeung Racco

Voting upon Clauses 1, 2, and 4:

CARRIED UPON A RECORDED VOTE

YEAS

Councillor Carella
Councillor Di Vona
Councillor Yeung Racco
Councillor Shefman

NAYS

Regional Councillor Frustaglio
Mayor Jackson
Regional Councillor Rosati

Voting upon the main motion, as amended, being:

By approving the following Clauses from the Special Committee of the Whole (Working Session) (2) meeting of February 27, 2009:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Corporate Communications, dated February 23, 2009, be approved;
- 2) That notices of what categories of information can be found on the City's website continue to be published to the end of the year;
- 3) That \$15,000 be allocated for advertising in LoSpecchio;
- 4) That staff be directed to report back by the end of July 2009, on any new marketing opportunities presented by the local media to enhance city-wide communications;
- 5) That the memoranda from the Director of Corporate Communications, dated February 27, 2009, and the Solicitor, dated February 19, 2009, be received;
- 6) That the deputation of Mr. Robert Falbo, Director of Advertising and Distribution, Vaughan Citizen, 8611 Weston Road, Suite 29, Vaughan, L4L 9P1, and submissions, be received; and
- 7) That the deputation of Mr. Don Bettger, Director of Group Sales, Vaughan Today, 101 Wingold Avenue, Toronto, M6B 1P8, be received.

By approving Clause 5 of the Budget Committee recommendation of March 9, 2009, as follows:

- 5) That a portion of the savings realized from suspending the publication of the City Page in local newspapers be devoted over the balance of the year to publicizing in all local newspapers that have ever received City advertising, the fact that all City-related announcements can be found at the City's website on a 24/7 basis;

By approving that staff bring back an assessment report at the end of 2009 reviewing the new implemented strategy as it relates to the communications in the local papers and the web page; and

By receiving the report of the Director of Corporate Communications, dated March 9, 2009.

CARRIED

Addendum Items

43. SHOVEL READY PROJECTS
(Addendum No. 1)

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

- 1) That the recommendation of the Intergovernmental Relations Committee, dated March 4, 2009, be approved;
- 2) That the memorandum from the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, dated March 23, 2009, be received; and
- 3) That the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) meeting of March 23, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

Recommendation

The Intergovernmental Relations Committee, at its meeting of March 4, 2009, recommended the following:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated March 4, 2009, be approved;
- 2) That this report be forwarded to the Council meeting of March 23, 2009; and
- 3) That staff provide a report to the Council meeting of March 23, 2009, on the rationale and priority of the shovel ready projects.

Report of the City Manager, the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated March 4, 2009

The City Manager, the Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, the

Senior Management Team and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommend:

- 1) That the following report and list of Shovel Ready Projects be approved;
- 2) That the list be provided to the Federal and Provincial Governments; and
- 3) That the local MP's and MPP's be advised accordingly.

Economic Impact

This report as written has no economic impact. However, if any projects that are submitted and approved as part of the various stimulus packages, the municipal one third co-funding will be required and appropriate funding must be identified.

Communication Plan

The Communications Department will develop a plan including news releases, the City Web and any other media devices available to them to inform both the Federal and Provincial levels of government and the residents of Vaughan that the City of Vaughan has identified shovel ready projects and is prepare to commence construction once government funding is allocated to the City. These projects will improve infrastructure and benefit the environment.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with a list of potential Shovel Ready Projects prepared by staff for Committee review.

Background – Analysis and Options

The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) defined “Shovel Ready Projects” as projects that do not appear in a municipality’s 2009 funded capital budget, but which could be started in 2009 with additional funding. In most cases these are small and medium sized projects focused on rehabilitation of existing infrastructure. These projects fit into existing footprints, and therefore usually do not require or trigger environmental assessments and have relatively simple and quick engineering requirements.

The Federal Government tabled their recent Federal Budget January 27, 2009. Included in the Federal Budget announcements are four (4) programs that could be available to the City of Vaughan. They are as follows:

1) Infrastructure Stimulus Fund - \$4 Billion over 2 Years

This fund provides funding to restore aging infrastructure for capital projects that are ready to get underway quickly in the next two (2) years but lack funding. Works include roads, bridges, water systems, public transit and other critical infrastructure. Projects should begin construction in 2009 and 2010. The Federal government will approve provincial and municipal project plans and cover up to 50% of eligible project costs. Subject to project readiness and merit, funding will be allocated for projects in provinces and territories based on their population. Municipal projects are expected to have municipal contribution (e.g. 1/3 federal, 1/3 provincial 1/3 municipal). Details with regard to project types, eligible costs, approval processes etc are yet to be finalized. Program will be overseen by Infrastructure Canada.

2) Green Infrastructure Fund - \$1 Billion over 5 Years

Funds are target investments in green infrastructure that can improve the quality of the environment and will lead to a more sustainable economy over the longer term. Sustainable energy infrastructure

is infrastructure that will contribute to improve air quality and lower carbon emissions. Funds are allocated based on merit to support green infrastructure projects on a cost shared basis.

3) Recreational Infrastructure Canada - \$500 Million over 2 Years

The Budget provides \$500 Million over 2 years to support construction of new community recreational facilities and upgrades to existing facilities across Canada. Eligible facilities include recreational facilities owned by municipalities, counties, community organizations and other not-for-profit entities. This initiative will support up to 50% of the total costs of eligible projects with the balance provided by provincial and municipal contributions, community organizations and the private sector. Infrastructure Canada is responsible for this program

4) Sectoral Competitiveness - \$60 Million over 2 Years

This fund targets 2 year funding in support of infrastructure related costs for local and community cultural and heritage institutions such as local theatres, libraries and small museums.

Staff has compiled a list of Shovel Ready Projects totaling approx. \$42M and is provided as Attachment 1. If projects are approved under any of the above programs, projects will be co funded one third grant funding from both Federal and the Provincial levels of government and one third municipal funding. The City of Vaughan staff has been in contact Building Canada Fund (BCF) in order to obtain eligible project criteria, eligible project costs and how the City can apply for these funds. All indications are that all of these initiatives will require additional work by staff at both the Federal and Provincial levels of government before details will be known about eligible projects, costs and application intakes..

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020 / Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council. Necessary resources are not allocated or approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The list of Shovel Ready Projects prepare by staff be approved.

Attachments

- Attachment 1 - Draft Shovel Ready Projects
- Attachment 2 – Pavement Management Program Phase 1
- Attachment 3 – Pavement Management Program Phase 2

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

44. **ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.04.029
1096818 ONTARIO INC. C/O ARTHUR FISCH
1260 AND 1272 CENTRE STREET – WARD 4**
(Addendum No. 2)

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Carella

That the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) meeting of March 23, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

45. **ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD HEARING
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 669 (THORNHILL YONGE STREET STUDY, 2005)
THORNHILL HERITAGE CONSERVATION DISTRICT PLAN - BY-LAW 323-2007
OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT APPLICATION, FILE OP.05.004
ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION, FILE Z.05.011
SITE DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION, FILE DA.08.024
HERITAGE PERMIT APPLICATION, FILE HP 2008.015
THORNHILL VILLAGE PLAZA INC. AND M4 DEVELOPMENTS INC.
7584 TO 7616 YONGE STREET AND 14 ARNOLD AVENUE – WARD 5**
(Addendum No. 3)

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco
seconded by Councillor Carella

That the confidential recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) meeting of March 23, 2009, be approved.

CARRIED

46. **BY-LAWS FIRST, SECOND AND THIRD READINGS**

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Regional Councillor Frustaglio

That the following recommendation contained in the memorandum from the Commissioner of Planning, dated March 19, 2009, regarding By-Law 50-2009, be approved:

“That a by-law be enacted to remove the Holding Symbol “(H)” from the subject lands zoned RD1(H) Residential Detached Zone One, RD2(H) Residential Detached Zone Two, RD3(H) Residential Detached Zone Three and RT1(H) Residential Townhouse Zone.”; and

THAT the following by-laws be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted:

By-Law Number 44-2009 A By-law to assume Municipal Services in Vellore Village Estates Subdivision, Phase 5, 19T-89024, Registered Plan 65M-3715. (Subdivision Agreement – Vellore Village Estates Inc., and 589915 Ontario Limited dated November 24, 2003) (Item 5, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 12)

By-Law Number 45-2009 A By-law to assume Municipal Services in Langstaff Woods

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- Subdivision, Phase 1 - West, 19T-89037, Registered Plan 65M-3673. (Subdivision Agreement – Langstaff Woods Development Corp., & 482697 Ontario Limited dated March 12, 2003) (Item 6, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 12)
- By-Law Number 46-2009 A By-Law to prohibit graffiti on public and private property and to require public and private property to be kept free of graffiti. (Anti-Graffiti By-law) (Council, February 24, 2009, Item 6, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 5)
- By-Law Number 47-2009 A By-law to exempt parts of Plan 65M-3627 from the provisions of Part Lot Control. (PLC.09.001, Roybridge Holdings Limited, located at the northwest corner of Regional Road 7 and Regional Road 27, known municipally as 6100 Regional Road 7, being Part of Blocks 45 and 46 on Registered Plan 65M-3627, described as parts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 on Plan 65R-30102, in Lots 6 and 7, Concession 8) (Delegation By-law 333-98)
- By-Law Number 48-2009 A By-law to repeal By-law 47-2009. (PLC.09.001, Roybridge Holdings Limited, located at the northwest corner of Regional Road 7 and Regional Road 27, known municipally as 6100 Regional Road 7, being Part of Blocks 45 and 46 on Registered Plan 65M-3627, described as parts 2, 4, 6, 8 and 9 on Plan 65R-30102, in Lots 6 and 7, Concession 8) (Delegation By-law 333-98)
- By-Law Number 49-2009 A By-law to amend City of Vaughan By-law 1-88. (Z.08.043, Peter and Erica Adamo, located on the property municipally known as 160 Ravendale Court, and adjacent to Stegman's Mill Road and Ravendale Gate, being Lot 13 on Registered Plan M-5582, in Part of Lot 25, Concession 8) (Council, February 24, 2009, Item 27, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 6)
- By-Law Number 50-2009 A By-law to amend City of Vaughan By-law 1-88 as amended by By-law 125-2005. (Z.08.068 (19T-95062 and Z.95.040, located north of Rutherford Road between Ilan Ramon Avenue and Thomas Cook Avenue, being Part of Lots 15 and 16, Concession 2) (Lifting Holding Symbol "H") (Council, May 25, 2004, Item 32, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 46)
- By-Law Number 51-2009 A By-law to amend City of Vaughan By-law Interim Control By-law 193-2007. (Z.08.052, Julie Careri, located zoned RIV Old Village Residential by By-law 1-88) (Council, February 24, 2009, Item 25, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 6)
- By-Law Number 52-2009 A By-law to amend City of Vaughan By-law 1-88. (Z.08.053, 2124396 Ontario Ltd., located southeast of Langstaff Road and Weston Road, known municipally as 562 Chrislea Road, being Lot 45 on Plan 65M-2588, in Part of Lot 10, Concession 5, Ward 3) (Council, February 24, 2009, Item 24, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 6)

CARRIED

47. CONFIRMING BY-LAW

MOVED by Councillor Carella
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

THAT By-law Number 53-2009, being a by-law to confirm the proceedings of Council at its meeting on March 23, 2009, be read a First, Second and Third time and enacted.

CARRIED

48. ADJOURNMENT

MOVED by Councillor Shefman
seconded by Councillor Carella

THAT the meeting adjourn at 4.51 p.m.

CARRIED

Linda D. Jackson, Mayor

Jeffrey A. Abrams, City Clerk