#### CITY OF VAUGHAN

#### **REPORT NO. 3 OF THE**

#### **BUDGET COMMITTEE**

For consideration by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 23, 2009

The Budget Committee met at 2:42 p.m., on March 9, 2009.

Present: Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair

Councillor Tony Carella Councillor Peter Meffe Councillor Alan Shefman

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

Also Present: Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri

The Budget Committee passed the following resolution:

That the Rules of Procedure with respect to start time be waived to permit the meeting to commence at 2:42 p.m.

The following items were dealt with:

#### 1 COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM (CIB) 2009 NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Budget Committee recommends that this matter be referred to the Council meeting of March 23, 2009.

#### Recommendation

The Director of Economic Development in consultation with the City Manager recommends:

THAT the 2009 Communities in Bloom National Conference operating budget be amended to reflect the up-dated 2009 Revenues & Expenditures for this project as per noted on following chart.

## 2 MEASURING ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE OF DEVELOPMENT

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(Item 2, Environment Committee, Report No. 2)

The Budget Committee recommends that the capital project entitled, "Measuring Environmental Sustainability Performance of Development" in the amount of \$80,000 be approved in the 2009 Capital Budget and funded from external funding sources.

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The Environment Committee, at its meeting of February 24, 2009, approved in part:

That a capital project entitled "Measuring Environmental Sustainability Performance of Development" in the amount of \$80,000 be forwarded to the Budget Committee to be included for consideration in the 2009 Capital Budget and funded from external funding sources.

Report of the City Manager, Commissioner of Planning and Director of Policy Planning, dated February 24, 2009

#### Recommendation

The City Manager, Commissioner of Planning and Director of Policy Planning in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

- That Council endorse the development of a framework to measure and promote sustainability performance of development through the application process, currently to be titled Sustainable Development Evaluation; and
- 2) That Council adopt in principle the work plan presented in this report to be used as the basis for developing proposals to seek external funds to carry out the work plan; and,
- 3) That a capital project entitled "Measuring Environmental Sustainability Performance of Development" in the amount of \$80,000 be forwarded to the Budget Committee to be included for consideration in the 2009 Capital Budget and funded from external funding sources.

# 3 COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MASTER PLAN PROGRAM BRANDING, PUBLIC LAUNCH AND THE DESIGN, PRODUCTION AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION BOOKLET

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, dated March 9, 2009:

#### Recommendation

The City Manager, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Services, the Manager of Corporate Policy and the Manager of Corporate Communications, recommends that:

- 1. The budget for the Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan (CO-0050-07) be increased by \$37,000.00 to provide for: Development of a program brand/name; the program launch; and the design, production and distribution of a public information/promotional document (the "booklet") funded \$33,300.00 from City-Wide Development Charges Management Studies and \$3,700.00 taxation.
- 2. The inclusion of this matter on a public Committee or Council agenda for the additional funding request, identified as the Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan, is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-law 394-2002.

#### 4 <u>NEW CAPITAL PROJECT – LOADER MOUNTED SNOW BLOWERS</u>

The Budget Committee recommends:

1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated March 9, 2009, be approved; and

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 That a report be provided addressing issues raised by Members of Council regarding snow removal.

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments, and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, recommends that:

- 1. The draft 2009 Capital Budget be amended to include an expenditure of \$380,000 for the purchase of two loader mounted diesel powered snow blowers; and,
- 2. \$342,00 to come from City-Wide Development Charges, with the remaining \$37,000 to come from the Public Works Winterization Reserve account, and this amount is to be paid back into the account over a 3 year period, starting in 2009, with these funds being generated from reduced contracted expenditures and improved operational efficiencies.

#### 5 2007 SUCCESSES REPORT - USER CHARGES VARIANCE EXPLANATION

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Financial Services, dated March 9, 2009:

#### Recommendation

The Director of Financial Services recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

#### 6 CITY PAGE ADVERTISING COSTS AND LAUNCH OF NEW WEBSITE FEATURE

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Director of Corporate Communications, dated March 9, 2009, be approved;
- 2) That Council approve the use of the City's website as the primary communications vehicle for the City Page and the practice of publishing the City Page in a print format be discontinued;
- That the new City Page content on the website be advertised in local papers in 2009 for a total estimated cost of \$7,000 for one notice placement per week for a total of 26 weeks;
- 4) That the savings from this initiative be directed toward ensuring that the new on-line City Page be designed in a user friendly and accessible manner:
- 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; and
- 6) That staff provide a report to the Council meeting of March 23, 2009, on the specifics of the implementation plan regarding the discontinuation of the City Page in print format.

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#### Recommendation

The Director of Corporate Communications, in consultation with the City Manager, recommends:

That this report be received for information purposes.

#### 7 <u>2009 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUEST</u>

#### The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clause 1 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager, Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, and the Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning, dated March 9, 2009, be approved; and
- 2) That the 2009 Operating Budget be reduced to achieve a tax rate increase of 2.84%.

#### Recommendation

The City Manager, Deputy City Manager/Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services, and the Director of Budgeting & Financial Planning recommend:

- 1) That the following report on the 2009 Draft Operating Budget be received for information and discussion purposes, and;
- 2) That the Budget Committee provide direction with respect to the options to be considered to reduce the 2009 Draft Operating Budget tax rate impact of 5.84% (\$64 a year to the average home) to the Budget Committee's targeted range of 2.5% to 3.0% (Roughly \$28 \$33 a year to the average home).

### 8 NEW VAUGHAN OFFICIAL PLAN 2009 REVISED CAPITAL BUDGET REQUEST

The Budget Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated March 9, 2009:

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Planning in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services recommends:

- That the 2009 Capital Budget Request for the new Vaughan Official Plan project be increased by \$235,000, from \$1,020,000 to \$1,255,000, to cover additional work required to complete the new Official Plan and to incorporate the work on the West Vaughan Secondary Plan which was previously approved;
- 2. That the increase be funded \$211,500 from CWDC-Management Studies and \$23,500 from taxation; and,
- 3. That Capital Project 9826-0-05 be closed as the work on the West Vaughan Secondary Plan will be incorporated within the Draft 2009 Capital Project PL-9003-07 for the new Vaughan Official Plan project.

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#### 9 NEW BUSINESS – VAUGHAN MILLS ROAD AND RUTHERFORD ROAD <u>ENTRANCE FEATURE</u>

The Budget Committee recommends that the written submission from Ms. Frances D'Aversa, Belvedere Estates Ratepayers Association, 128 Gidleigh Park Crescent, Woodbridge, L4H 1H9, be received and referred to staff.

The foregoing matter was brought to	o the attention of the Committee by	Councillor Carella.
The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.		
Respectfully submitted,		
Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair		