

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 1 OF THE
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on January 31, 2012*

The Finance and Administration Committee met at 1:37 p.m., on January 16, 2012.

Present: Councillor Alan Shefman, Chair
 Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor
 Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
 Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase
 Regional Councillor Deb Schulte
 Councillor Tony Carella
 Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca
 Councillor Marilyn Iafrate (1:45 p.m.)
 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco

The following items were dealt with:

1 OPERATING BUDGET QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated January 16, 2012, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Richard Lorello, 235 Treelawn Boulevard, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommends:

That the 2011 Third Quarter Variance Report be received for information purposes.

2 CAPITAL PROJECTS QUARTERLY REPORT ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated January 16, 2012, be approved; and**

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- 2) **That the deputation of Mr. Nick Pinto, West Woodbridge Homeowners Association, 57 Mapes Avenue, Woodbridge, L4H 8R4, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommend:

That this report be received for information purposes.

3 **RE-ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR
SECONDARY PLAN STUDIES**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated January 16, 2012, be approved:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning in consultation with the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommends:

1. That \$45,000 of the funds available in Capital Project, Weston Road and Highway 7 Secondary Plan Study (PL-9023-11) and \$32,048 from Regional Road Highway 7 Policy Land Use Review (9812-0-01) be re-allocated to Capital Project, Concord Centre Secondary Plan Study (PL-9024-11) to provide funding for additional environmental, servicing, transportation and storm water management work, as directed by Council.

4 **COUNCIL EXPENDITURE BUDGETS**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated January 16, 2012, be approved; and**
- 2) **That the deputation of Mr. Richard Lorello, 235 Treelawn Boulevard, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk on behalf of the Council Budgets Task Force recommends:

1. That the formula for calculating Council's Discretionary Budgets be revised to include a \$0.70 residential rate per capita and a \$1.25 business rate per business count, as detailed in Attachment 1;
2. That for the purpose of developing the Ward Council Budgets the above recommended rates are to be applied to estimated ward population and business data provided by the City Clerk and Economic Development Department;

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3. That for the purpose of developing the Mayor's and Regional Councillor Budgets the above recommend rates are to be applied using a 50% and 34% allocation of estimated total population and businesses, respectively, provided by the City Clerk and Economic Development Department;
4. That for the purposes of developing future budgets, the residential and business rates be increased in relation to the Toronto CPI index, rounded up to the nearest cent; and
5. That budget changes related to the new formula be incorporated into the Draft 2012 Operating Budget and 2012 -2014 operating forecasts.

**5 DRAFT CAPITAL BUDGET – COMMITTEE INFORMATION REQUEST
CONCORD THORNHILL REGIONAL ARTIFICIAL SOCCER TURF - FUNDING OPTIONS AND
RELOCATE FIRE STATION 7-3 LAND ACQUISITION – UPDATED INFORMATION**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clause 1 of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated January 16, 2012, be approved;
- 2) That debt financing be approved as an appropriate funding source for the old City Hall demolition, unless other funds become available prior to the debt issuance, and that the resulting capital funding from taxation funding be re-deployed as outlined in the report to fund the Concord Thornhill Regional Artificial Soccer Turf and the Fire Hall 7-3 land acquisition project;
- 3) That the following resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Di Biase, be approved:

WHEREAS in February 2008 Council resolved:

“That staff review the feasibility of declaring the table lands at Dufferin Street as surplus, if no longer required for municipal purposes, and any funds derived be allocated to the new City Hall and area related projects.”

WHEREAS City staff located in the buildings on the City lands, at Dufferin and Major Mackenzie Drive (formerly MNR Lands) have relocated to the new City Hall;

NOW THEREFORE in keeping with Council's previous motion, staff be directed to bring forward a report on the feasibility of declaring the table lands surplus;

AND THAT if the lands are declared surplus and sold that funds from the sale be used toward the cost of the demolition of the old City Hall, the underground parking and Civic Square of the Civic Centre Campus;

- 4) That the minor correction outlined in C3, memorandum from the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer, dated January 16, 2012, be approved; and
- 5) That the deputation of Mr. Michael Pozzulo, 7894 Dufferin Street, Thornhill, L4K 7R4, be received.

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Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommend:

1. That the following funding option for the old City Hall demolition, the Concord Thornhill Regional Artificial Soccer Turf and the Fire Hall 7-3 Land Acquisition project be received for information purposes, and;
2. That in the event that Council determines debt financing is an appropriate funding source for the old City Hall demolition, the resulting capital funding from taxation be re-deployed as outlined in this report to fund the Concord Thornhill Regional Artificial Soccer Turf and the Fire Hall 7-3 land acquisition project,

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ELECTION RESERVE CONTRIBUTION

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends that the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated January 16, 2012, be approved:

Recommendation

The City Clerk, in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer recommends:

- 1) That 2012 contribution to the election reserve be \$350,000, an increase of \$50,000 over the 2011 contribution, subject to overall direction on the Item "*Final 2012 Draft Operating Budget*" included in the January 16, 2012 Finance and Administration Committee Agenda;
- 2) That the City Clerk report back on recommended adjustments to contributions to the election reserve as may be appropriate when refinements are made to the 2014 election project budget; and
- 3) That 2010 campaign surpluses paid to the City Clerk pursuant to the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* in the amount of approximately \$35,000 be applied to the election reserve.

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ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUEST – HR COORDINATOR - CONTRACT

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) **That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services & City Solicitor and the Director of Human Resources, be approved; and**
- 2) **That staff report back to Council in the 2013 budget deliberations with respect to the financial impact and managerial efficacy of the position.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal & Administrative Services & City Solicitor and the Director of Human Resources in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Operational Compliance Auditor recommend that the Additional Resource Request - HR Coordinator Contract be approved, subject to overall direction on the item "Final 2012 Draft Operating Budget" included on the January 16, 2012 Finance and Administration Committee agenda.

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**8 DRAFT 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET AND 2013 CAPITAL BUDGET PLAN
CONSIDERATION OF DEMOLITION/USE OF FORMER CIVIC CENTRE**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated January 16, 2012, be approved;
- 2) That staff proceed with the demolition as approved in the Original Master Plan; and
- 3) That the following deputations be received:
 - 1) Mr. Nick Pinto, West Woodbridge Homeowners Association, 57 Mapes Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 8R4; and
 - 2) Mr. Guido Masutti, 144 Riverview Ave, Woodbridge, L4L 2L6.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services recommends:

1. That the following report be received for information.

9 USER FEE/SERVICE CHARGE REVIEW

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated January 16, 2012, be approved; and
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Richard Lorello, 235 Treelawn Boulevard, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0, and communication C4, dated January 16, 2012, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommend:

That the user fees and service charges outlined in Attachment 1 be approved subject to the required public notice and meeting requirements.

10 FINAL 2012 DRAFT OPERATING BUDGET

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That Clause 2 and 3 contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated January 16, 2012, be approved;
- 2) That the tax increase for the fiscal year 2012 be 2.95%, which includes all the items approved at today's meeting of January 16, 2012;

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- 3) That the following deputations be received:
- 1) Mr. Dirk Drleberg, 55 Kinloch Crescent, Maple, L6A 2E9;
 - 2) Ms. Maria Eva Cristante, 88 Fieldgate Drive, Maple, L6A 1K9; and
 - 3) Mr. Guido Masutti, 144 Riverview Avenue, Woodbridge, L4L 2L6; and

- 4) That the following communications be received:

- C1 Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer, dated January 16, 2012; and
C2 Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer, dated January 16, 2012.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning recommend:

1. That the 2012 Draft Operating Budget be revised to reflect the budget adjustments noted in this report and by incorporating the revisions made by the Finance and Administration Committee at its meeting of January 16, 2012;
2. That the Final 2012 Draft Operating Budget be forwarded to a Special Council Meeting for final approval; and
3. That the City Clerk be directed to schedule an evening Special Council Meeting to receive public deputations and to consider for final approval the 2012 User Fee/Service Charge By-law, the Final 2012 Draft Operating Budget, the Final 2012 Draft Capital Budget and any related matters.

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**DRAFT 2012 CAPITAL BUDGET
THE ISLINGTON AVENUE STREETScape
PHASING OPTIONS AND ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FUNDING
FILE 21.36
WARD 1**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning and Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated January 16, 2012, be approved;
- 2) That staff provide a report on the subject of streetscaping to a future Committee of the Whole (Working Session); and
- 3) That the following deputations be received:
 - 1) Mr. Frank Greco, 10472 Islington Avenue, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0; and
 - 2) Mr. Richard Lorello, 235 Treelawn Boulevard, Kleinburg, L0J 1C0.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning and Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance and City Treasurer, and the Commissioner of Community Services recommend:

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1. THAT the Detailed Design Development for Phase 1A, 1B and 1C (3 Gateways) of the Islington Avenue Streetscape Plan shown on Attachment #1, be undertaken in 2012; subject to overall direction on the item "Final 2012 Draft Operating Budget" included in the January 16, 2012 Financial and Administration Committee Agenda.
2. THAT the City's issuance of a Request for Proposal for professional design services for the Detailed Design Development be subject to:
 - a) a commitment from the Kleinburg Business Improvement Association to pay 50% of the actual cost to be incurred by the City; and
 - b) the prior receipt of 50% of the cost of these services, currently estimated to be \$48,713.40, from the Kleinburg Business Improvement Association.
3. THAT Staff be directed to establish an "Islington Avenue Streetscape Working Group" for the duration of the Detailed Design Development for Phase 1 (3 Gateways) of the Islington Avenue Streetscape Plan, comprised of members from the Kleinburg Business Improvement Association, the Kleinburg Area Ratepayers Association, York Region staff, and City of Vaughan staff.

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**DEPUTATION – MR. KORBEN LIRETTE
WITH RESPECT TO A PROPOSED SKATEBOARD PARK**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the deputation of Mr. Korben Lirette with respect to a proposed skateboard park, be received; and
- 2) That staff review the feasibility of funding the proposed skateboard park in 2012 and report back at the next opportunity.

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OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

13.1 **CONSIDERATION OF STATUTORY/AD HOC COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

That the following Ad Hoc Committee report be received:

1. Council Budgets Task Force meeting of December 9, 2011, Report No. 2.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Alan Shefman, Chair