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Item 1, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

1 PROCLAMATION REQUEST – CHILD ABUSE & NEGLECT PREVENTION MONTH – OCTOBER 2008

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 15, 2008, be approved; and
- 2) That the deputation of Ms. Pearl Rimer, Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention, 890 Yonge Street, 11th Floor, Toronto, M4W 3P4, and the presentation material submitted, be received.

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That October 2008 be proclaimed as "Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month"; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations". Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on space availability.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Executive Director of Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Executive Director of Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention is attached. (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

(i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act"

Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention (formerly known as Toronto Child Abuse Centre) is planning their 4th annual *Go Purple for Prevention!* campaign, to raise awareness and provide

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education for the general public in their efforts to eliminate abuse and violence in the lives of children and youth. Boost is seeking the city's support in pledging that caring for children is a communal commitment and to make a promise to our children to teach, guide and protect them.

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

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 2008 be proclaimed as "Child Abuse & Neglect Prevention Month", and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment #1 - Correspondence from Boost Child Abuse Prevention & Intervention, dated August 12, 2008

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Admin Assistant to the City Clerk

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Item 2, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY – OCTOBER 22, 2008

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- That October 22, 2008 be proclaimed as "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day"; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations". Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on space availability.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the President, CUPE Ontario and Co-President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC).

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the President, CUPE Ontario and Co-President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

(i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act"

The President, CUPE Ontario and the Co-President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC) have requested the City of Vaughan publicize this proclamation to allow the community to recognize the work of various groups and to acknowledge the contributions they make in the lives of members. The OCBCC is a registered charity and the City has granted this proclamation request in the past.

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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

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 22, 2008 be proclaimed as "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day", and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment #1 – Correspondence from the President, CUPE Ontario and Co-President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), dated August 25, 2008

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Admin Assistant to the City Clerk

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Item 3, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

3 PROCLAMATION REQUEST – CROHN'S AND COLITIS AWARENESS MONTH – NOVEMBER 2008

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That November 2008 be proclaimed as "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month"; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations". Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on space availability.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada is attached. (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

(i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act"

Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis (commonly referred to as inflammatory bowel disease) are two debilitating diseases that affect over 200,000 Canadians . Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada hope to gain support, public understanding, and encourage participation during the month of November for the local and national based initiatives in an ongoing effort to make finding a cure for these diseases a reality.

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.

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Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that November 2008 be proclaimed as "Crohn's and Colitis Awareness Month", and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment #1 - Correspondence from the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of Canada, dated August 19, 2008

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Admin Assistant to the City Clerk

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Item 4, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

4 EXTENDED PRODUCER RESPONSIBILITY ("PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP")

The Committee of the Whole recommends that the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Carella, dated September 15, 2008, be approved, subject to adding "staff undertake" after "That" in Clause 1.

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends:

- That the development of an extended producer responsibility (or product stewardship) purchasing policy, and that a draft version of such a policy be reviewed in context of the Environment Master Plan; and
- 2. That the report be referred to the Environment Committee.

Economic Impact

To be determined in the policy report.

Communication Plan

A communication plan would be premature at this time.

Purpose

To continue the process by which the Corporation of the City of Vaughan demonstrates it is an environmentally friendly place. Lead and Promote Environmental Sustainability.

Background - Analysis and Options

Product stewardship is a concept that has taken root in North America, first in British Columbia and then in California. Briefly, it reflects the belief that the manufacturer of any product has the responsibility not simply to create it from raw materials and sell it to the consuming public, but to provide the means by which---once the product has reached the end of its useful life---it can be disposed of in a way that is most friendly to the environment.

A century ago, when local governments first assumed responsibility for solid waste, it consisted mostly of coal ash left over from heating and cooking. The rest was mainly food, with a small amount of manufactured products like paper and glass. Today, manufactured products and associated packaging make up 75% of what we throw out.

According to the Product Policy Institute, "One easy step government entities, businesses and institutions can take to implement extended producer responsibility (EPR) is to buy from manufacturers what agree to collect and recycle their products when they get to the end of their useful life". That goal is what is contemplated in this recommendation, and the resources in place to help the City develop such policies are extensive, and indeed international. The end result of such efforts is that product recycling will become an extension of every company's marketing system, mirroring the production and distribution process in a kind of "reverse retail" process as part of excellent customer service.

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The attached "Purchasing Best Practices / Contracting for Producer Responsibility" published by the Product Policy Institute, based in Athens, Georgia, is but one example of such resources. Another is the Greenpeace Foundation, whose website contains ratings of international manufacturers in respect of their EPR policies and practices. Upon Council approval of this recommendation, additional resources from the California Product Stewardship Council will be furnished by the recommender to appropriate staff.

Regional Implications

None

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Conclusion

The development of corporate purchasing policies that promote producer responsibility for the entire life cycle of their products will demonstrate the City of Vaughan's commitment to the health of our environment.

Attachments

"Purchasing Best Practices / Contracting for Producer Presponsibility", published by the Product Policy Institute

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

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Item 5, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

RFP AWARD – RFP08-220 CONSULTING SERVICES FOR A COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY AND ISSUES MANAGEMENT FOR THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Manager and the Director of Corporate Communications, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The City Manager, and the Director of Corporate Communications in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services are requesting that Council endorse:

1. That the RFP08-220 for Consulting Services for Strategic Communications and Issues Management for the City of Vaughan be awarded to Sussex Strategy Group Inc. for the amount of \$138,000 (one hundred thirty eight thousand) plus GST.

Economic Impact

The necessary resources have been allocated out of the contingency budget.

Communications Plan

None required.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to award the RFP for Consulting Services for a Communications Strategy and Issues Management for the City of Vaughan.

Background

Item 3, Report No. 3 of the Strategic Planning Committee was adopted without amendment by Council on June 23, 2008. In addition to approving the report of the Director of Corporate Communications dated June 23, 2008 "to review the issue of strategic communications including a revised communications strategy," it established "a working group to develop a strategic communications approach to the City and report to the City Manager's office within one month."

The working group sub-committee includes City Manager Michael DeAngelis, Regional Councillor Mario Ferri, Councillor Alan Shefman, Councillor Tony Carella and Madeline Zito, Director of Corporate Communications.

The working group sub-committee identified that the City Manager should retain a consultant specialized in public relations to assist the Corporate Communications department in determing and implementing a strategy to reposition the City.

The communications and/or public relations strategy produced by the consultants will focus primarily on current issues before the media. It will address growing concerns of Vaughan residents about the City's negative image. As well, the consultants will provide advice and assistance in formulating a longer term strategic communications plan (currently under revision).

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The consultant will assist the City of Vaughan with public relations and issues management in the short term and develop a longer term strategic communications plan to reposition the City.

Process

A Request For Proposals was sent out to 3 well known firms with expertise in this specialized area of communications. Three firms submitted proposals which were evaluated.

The package provided details of the contract, including the following evaluation criteria used in assessing competing bid submissions:

Qualifications and Experience:

50%

- Capability of the Consultant Team Leader;
- Degree of Participation of senior staff;
- Qualifications and expertise of the team members;
- Skills consistent with the needs of the project;
- Experience in similar projects;
- Level of public sector experience;
- Demonstrated success in producing and implementing strategic; communications and issues management plans;
- Ability to respond quickly to the City's requirements as needed;
- Experience of staff assigned to the project;

Work Plan and Scope of Services:

40%

- Complete and comprehensive submission;
- Demonstrated understanding of the project requirements;
- Introduction of innovative ideas and concepts;
- Providing a detailed work plan;

Financial: 10%

 To be evaluated on the overall project fee, as well as the hourly rate fee structure for all services to be rendered, including ongoing issues management services if required;

Total (100 points)

The evaluation committee evaluated the proposals. Purchasing Services facilitated and monitored the evaluation process. The committee received presentations and conducted interviews with the three agencies.

Sussex Strategic Group Inc. received the highest score and was identified as the best qualified consulting team to carry out the contract, based on the Committee's evaluation of their proposal and interview.

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.

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Regional Implications

None

Conclusion

Based on the evaluation, it is recommended that the contract be awarded to Sussex Strategy Group.

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

Madeline Zito Director Corporate Communications

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Item 6, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

6 REQUEST TO RESCIND BY-LAW 168-95 - A BY-LAW PROVIDING FOR THE MAKING OF A LOAN FROM THE CITY OF VAUGHAN COMMUNITY HERITAGE FUND PROGRAM, 46 CENTRE STREET, THORNHILL

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture and the Director of Legal Services recommends:

- 1. That a by-law be passed to rescind By-law 168-95, a by-law providing for the making of a loan from the City of Vaughan Community Heritage Fund Program and to authorize the execution of the agreement on behalf of the City of Vaughan between the Corporation of the City of Vaughan and Linda Hartman, in Trust.
- 2. That Instrument No. R663425, being the said By-law registered on title, be deleted from title.

Economic Impact

There is no direct economic impact related to the approval of this report. The property owners will pay the City's fee to register/rescind the by-law on title.

Communications Plan

The property owner and their legal counsel will be communicated any outcome resolution made by Council as a result of the review of this matter.

Purpose

The subject property is within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District as designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act. The purpose of this report is to rescind By-law 168-95 that provided for the execution of an agreement between the City and the property owners for a restoration loan under the Vaughan Community Heritage Fund Program. The loan has been paid in full and the current owners of the property have requested that the City rescind the aforementioned by-law to remove it against the property title.

Background - Analysis and Options

The property at 46 Centre Street is located within the Thornhill Heritage Conservation District as designated under Part V of the Ontario Heritage Act by By-law 307-88. The structure on the property is known as the John Martin House, a 11/2 storey frame structure built in the Neoclassical style in 1844.

In 1995, the owners of 46 Centre Street received a loan to restore the building under the City's Community Heritage Fund Program. The program was funded by the Ministry of Culture and administered by the City. The program has been discontinued by the Province. A by-law was passed that authorized the execution of the loan agreement and the registration of the by-law against the title of the property at the Land Registry Office. The loan was paid in full by the owners.

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The current owners are requesting that the City rescind the subject by-law and authorize the removal of Instrument No. No. R663425 from the property title that refers to the loan agreement.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
 Service Excellence Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
 Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

It is necessary to pass a by-law to rescind By-law 168-95, a by-law providing for the making of a loan from the City of Vaughan Community Heritage Fund Program to the owners of 46 Centre Street and to authorize the removal of Instrument No. R663425 against the property title, in order to comply with the owner's request to the City.

Attachments

None

Report Prepared By

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Item 7, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

STATUS REPORT ON THE ARTS & CULTURE IN CITY- OWNED HERITAGE BUILDINGS PROGRAM

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

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The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture recommends:

- 1. The information contained in this report with regard to the one-year status report on the Arts and Cultural Use at City-owned Heritage Building program, be approved.
- 2. The Art Exhibition + Studio Space Rental program be continued beyond its 3-year term and that staff monitor and adjust the program, as required.

Economic Impact

There are no costs associated with extending the Art Exhibition + Studio Space Rental program beyond its 3-year term.

Communications Plan

The availability of heritage buildings for arts and cultural programming (i.e. through the *Art Exhibition* + *Studio Space Rental Program*) will continue to be advertised and promoted to artists, arts and cultural organizations through the Recreation Guide, Vaughan community centres, libraries and the City of Vaughan website.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to Council's request in June 2007 to provide a one-year status report on the *Arts and Cultural Use in City-owned Heritage Buildings* program, in particular, addressing whether the program has met its programming goals and to obtain approval for the continuation of the program beyond its 3-year term.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the June 25, 2007, Council meeting a 3-year pilot project was approved by Council and later re-titled the *Art Exhibition* + *Studio Space Rental Program*. At the June 2007 Council meeting, it was requested that staff provide a one-year status report on the approved program in particular whether the program has met its goals. The program's goals are as follows:

- 1. To increase the use of City-owned heritage buildings by establishing programs, services and fees that provide affordable access to heritage buildings;
- 2. To assist in the development and promotion of arts & cultural groups and individual artists in the community by providing them with affordable access to City-owned heritage buildings for their activities and programs;
- 3. To provide the Vaughan community opportunities for participation in arts and cultural exhibitions, displays, and workshops within their community.

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The City of Vaughan has ownership of heritage buildings that have been restored and are managed by the City as part of its inventory of City-owned public facilities. The usage of these buildings by the community is integral in creating vibrant and purposeful focal points within Vaughan. The arts program approved in June 2007 by Council, makes available heritage buildings for arts and cultural use at a new, reduced weekly \$150 +GST rental rate. Under the program, applicants are required to clearly define the proposed use of the space. Applications are evaluated on how well their use/program meets the established criteria, how appropriate it is for the site and building and how it will benefit the community. Priority booking will be given to Vaughan-based artists and arts and cultural groups.

A review of the availability and suitability of buildings for arts and cultural use, determined that the MacDonald House (121 Centre Street, Thornhill) the Armstrong House (42 Old Yonge Street, Thornhill) and the Vellore Hall (9541 Weston Road, Woodbridge) were the centres in which the art studio program was to be launched. The program was initiated in December 2007 after the retrofitting/cleaning of the buildings. A rail-hanging system and track lighting, for example, was installed at the MacDonald House as it was determined to be the most appropriate space for art installation. It should be noted that while sites are being used for the art studio program, registered Recreation programs such as camps and workshops are also being held at the sites as required.

To date, approximately 12 permits, representing a 3-month use, has resulted from the initiation of this program. The MacDonald House and Vellore Hall have been the most popular sites showcasing 95% of the exhibits and events. Overall, an increase in awareness and increase heritage building use has been a direct result of the program. Overall, the goals of the program have been met and as a result of the feedback received, it is recommended that the program continue beyond its 3-year term approved by Council in June 2007.

In a consultant's report prepared by Synercom Strategies in 2004, community arts and culture exhibition space that is affordable and suitable to showcase and exhibit artwork, install displays, and use for short-term instructional programs/workshops, was identified as a need in the community. Emerging community arts and cultural groups maintained that the old rental fee for heritage buildings was too high as their ability to operate and sustain themselves is limited.

The feedback received on the new reduced fee is overall extremely positive in that it is affordable and accessible to most artists and art groups. Additionally, community artists have identified that the program offers an opportunity to exhibit their work, sometimes for the first time, and sell their work to the public. Exhibitions are advertised on the City's website, however invitations and promotional work is mostly done by the artists or art groups themselves. Events are not only focused on art exhibitions, but also one-week music clinics, piano recitals/competitions and vocal clinics have been hosted at the heritage facilities.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
 Service Excellence Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
 Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

This report does not recommend a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated.

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Regional Implications

There are no Regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

In general, the *Art Exhibition + Studio Space Rental Program* has been successful in achieving its goals of increasing the use of City-owned heritage buildings, assisting in the development and promotion of arts & cultural groups and individual artists and providing the community with opportunities for participation in arts and cultural exhibitions, displays, and workshops. Staff recommend a continuation of the program beyond its 3-year term in order to provide a valuable service to the arts community in this area and also provide an excellent use of the City's heritage facilities.

Attachments

1. Sample exhibitions & newspaper coverage

Report Prepared By

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Item 8, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

VAUGHAN ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE – ACHIEVEMENTS & INITIATIVES OF THE COMMITTEE

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

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- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture, dated September 15, 2008, be approved;
- 2) That the Vaughan Today article, titled "Dreams of a Big-City Art Scene", dated June 16, 2008, be received; and
- That the deputation of Ms. Heather Hennick, on behalf of the Arts Advisory Committee, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture in consultation with the Chair of the Arts Advisory Committee recommends:

1. That the presentation on the achievements and initiatives of the Vaughan Arts Advisory Committee and the information contained in this report, be received.

Economic Impact

There is no cost associated with this report.

Communications Plan

The Arts Advisory Committee will continue to communicate and inform the community as it relates to its programs and initiatives on the City website, Recreation Guide, advertising, distribution of flyers to community centres, City Playhouse and Vaughan Public Libraries.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information to Council relating to the Arts Advisory Committee's initiatives and achievements since the Committee's establishment in 2005.

Background - Analysis and Options

In October 2005, Council approved the establishment of the Arts Advisory Committee with the following goals:

- 1. To contribute to the Vaughan community by promoting and facilitating artistic and creative opportunities and experiences.
- 2. To create a better awareness and appreciation of the arts in the community.
- 3. To provide information on community arts-related resources.
- 4. To facilitate, promote and secure funding to help carry out arts related activities, exhibitions and special events in the community.

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5. To facilitate creative development by encouraging opportunities for community engagement, sustainability, development and partnerships.

Summary of Initiatives and Achievements

Advocate for Arts & Cultural Development: Cultural Map & Plan- CAHSP Grant

In 2007, the Arts Committee invited Gord Hume and Ken Doherty to speak to Council on the importance of arts and cultural development. In 2007-8, the Committee facilitated application to the Canadian Arts and Heritage Sustainability Program (CAHSP) grant program to help fund the City's cultural map and plan project. A \$41,400 grant was received in April 2008 to undertake the project.

Vaughan Juried Art Exhibition: An Art Integration Project

The first *Vaughan Juried Art Exhibition* was held in the lobby of City Playhouse Theatre in the spring 2007. The second exhibition was held April 24 to May 25, 2008 at the Theatre and featured 26 works selected by a professional jury panel from over 100 entries submitted by artists from Vaughan and the GTA. The Juried Art Exhibition provides both emerging and established artists with an annual venue to profile their artwork in the community. Jurors award Best in Show, Reserve Best in Show and Honorable Mention from the collection of exhibiting artists.

Vaughan of a Kind Art + Craft Show

The first annual *Vaughan of a Kind Art + Craft Show* was held in November 2006. The show features over 60 artisan booths installed along the major corridors of the Vellore Village Joint Complex and in the Cafetorium. The event provides visual and decorative artists from Vaughan and the GTA with an annual retail opportunity to profile their work in the community. The event features traditional and contemporary items that are hand-crafted as original one-of-a-kind designs. The range of media featured is accessories, cards, ceramics, collectables, décor, edibles, jewellery, painting, sculpture, soaps, textiles and toys. The third show is scheduled for November 15, 2008.

Upcoming Initiatives

Vaughan in Focus 2009: A Juried Photography Exhibition

In 2009, the community will be invited to participate in a commemorative photography exhibition to be displayed in key public areas. The program's goal is to encourage residents to use photographic media to document the vibrant diversity and spirit of Vaughan's people, places and things. This juried competition will be open to professional and amateur photographers and students residing/working in Vaughan. Works selected for the exhibition will be judged by professional panel for cash awards. An objective of the program is to encourage community involvement in a civic project and promote Vaughan as a "people place" by recognizing the many community perspectives that contribute to Vaughan's diverse character.

Vaughan Arts Awards-2009

The Committee is working on establishing a *Vaughan Arts Award* program in 2009. It will recognize outstanding contributions of businesses, organizations and individuals that enhance the cultural vitality of Vaughan highlight cultural achievements in the City, reinforce the vital role the arts play in Vaughan's social economy and inspire the on-going patronage in the arts.

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Doors Open Vaughan 2009

The Arts Advisory Committee supported the City hosting a *Doors Open Vaughan* event in 2009, an event that was approved by Council in June 2008. The Doors Open Vaughan event is a one year pilot project aimed at celebrating Vaughan's rich heritage/history, ethno-cultural diversity, architecture and natural/cultural landscapes.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
 - Service Excellence Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts and culture.

This report does not recommend a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no Regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

The Arts Advisory Committee will continue to contribute to the Vaughan community by promoting and facilitating artistic experiences and opportunities as it has since 2005. It will continue to create a better awareness and appreciation of the arts in the community through its initiatives and events and continue to secure funding to help carry out arts related activities. Lastly, the Committee is committed to encouraging opportunities for community engagement, sustainability, development and partnerships.

Attachments

None

Report Prepared By

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Item 9, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with the additional report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated September 22, 2008:

- 1) That RFP08-179, Design / Build of One (1) Artificial Turf Soccer Field and Associated Facilities for McNaughton Park be awarded to Rutherford Contracting for the amount of \$1,023,775.00 (excluding G.S.T.);
- 2) That a contingency allowance of 10% be approved, within which the Director of Parks Development is authorized to approve amendments to the contract; and
- 3) That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to sign necessary documents; and

By receiving the confidential memorandum from the Director of Legal Services, dated September 19, 2008.

9 AWARD OF DESIGN / BUILD OF ONE (1) ARTIFICIAL TURF SOCCER FIELD AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES FOR MCNAUGHTON PARK (RFP08-179)

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services Department, the Director of Reserves and Investments and the Director of Parks Development recommends:

That Request for Proposal RFP08-179 for the Award of Design/Build for One (1) Artificial Turf Soccer Field and Associated Facilities for McNaughton Park be brought forward directly to Council for authorization to award or other direction.

Economic Impact

The economic impact to the City is unknown at this time, but will be identified in the additional information item after the Request for Proposal has been reviewed and scored by the Evaluation Committee.

Communications Plan

Not Applicable

Purpose

Council approval to award Request for Proposal RFP08-179, for the Award of Design/Build for One (1) Artificial Turf Soccer Field and Associated Facilities for McNaughton Park.

Background - Analysis and Options

RFP08-179 was advertised in the Daily Commercial News and on Biddingo. Requests for Proposals were closed and publicly opened on Wednesday, August 20, 2008 at 3:00pm. Nine (9) bid documents were issued and six (6) were received.

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RFP08-179 identified facilities that were to be incorporated into the design concept that was submitted as part of the submission. These facilities included the following:

- One (1) senior artificial turf soccer field within the McNaughton Park property (including lighting, drainage systems, bleacher seating areas, chain link fencing and players benches) – artificial turf product utilized is to be FIFA 2 Star approved and certification provided with the RFP submission;
- Electronic Scoreboard;
- Pedestrian walkways and connections:
- Service vehicle / emergency vehicle access; and associated parking;
- Associated tree planting and landscaping.

An Evaluation Committee comprised of staff from the Parks Development Department, Building and Facilities Department, Parks Operations & Forestry Department and the Purchasing Services Department will be evaluating the six (6) proposal submissions against the following selection criteria:

Criteria 1 – Examples of Related Design-Build Work by Design/Build Team (35)

- Project-relatedness, experience in the design-build of artificial turf soccer fields and associated park facilities.
- Experience in excavation, and the installation/preparation of subbase, base, drainage system, fencing, concrete curbs, and artificial turf surface including infill material.

Criteria 2 – Design/Build Team Members (25)

-Allocation and experience of Design-Build team members and any sub-consultants/sub-contractors, including number of years in business, financial references and proof of bonding & insurance requirements (Resumes evaluated).

Criteria 3 – Proposed Fees (10)

- Relative to average fee submitted.

Criteria 4 – Proposal Submission (5)

- Quality and Clarity of overall proposal submission.

The Evaluation Committee will make a recommendation based on the proponent that scores the highest score out of a possible 75.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
 - Service Excellence Providing service excellence to citizens.
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:

Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness - To deliver high quality services and to promote health and wellness through design and program.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

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Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

The recommendation of the successful proponent will be submitted to Council as additional information after the evaluation process has concluded.

Attachments

Not Applicable

Report prepared by:

Stephanie Snow, Construction Coordinator, ext. 3210 Paul Gardner, Director of Parks Development, ext. 3209

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10 REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING FOR CONTRACTOR HAWMAN AVENUE ROAD RECONSTRUCTION AND WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT AND COLES AVENUE WATERMAIN REPLACEMENT CONTRACT T07-002

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

- 1. That additional funds for the Contractor in the amount of \$65,000.00 for Contract T07-088 be approved;
- 2. That the Budget for Capital Project EN-1643-07 be increased by \$65,000.00 and funded from Long Term Debt (\$21,666.00) and the Water Reserve (\$43,334.00); and
- 3. That the inclusion of the matter on a Public Committee or Council Agenda for additional funding request for Hawman Avenue Road Reconstruction and Watermain Replacement & Coles Avenue Watermain Replacement is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of By-law 394-2002.

Economic Impact

Additional funding is being allocated to this specific project from the total budget approved in the 2007 Capital Budget. There are sufficient funds in the approved budget to pay the final project costs.

Communications Plan

Not Applicable.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval for additional funding required to complete a final payment to the Contractor for previously approved Capital Contract T07-002.

Background - Analysis and Options

Contract T07-002 Direct Underground Inc.

Contract T07-002 Hawman Avenue Road Reconstruction and Watermain Replacement & Coles Avenue Watermain Replacement EN-1643-07 was awarded under the City's Summer Hiatus By-Law 332-98 on July 3, 2007 in the amount of \$625,731.20 (plus G.S.T.) plus a contingency allowance of \$63,000.00. This contract involved the reconstruction of Hawman Avenue and the watermain replacement under Hawman Avenue and Coles Avenue.

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The reason for the additional cost is due to the removal of contaminated fill, not known at the time of tendering by the Contractor to an approved disposal site. In addition the watermain design revisions along with other construction issues resulted in an increase in quantities and items.

The additional costs required to complete the works in the amount of \$65,000.00 is related to roadworks & water. The additional costs can be funded from Long Term Debt (\$21,666.00) and the Water Reserve (\$43,334.00).

Engineering Services Staff have reviewed the amounts and are satisfied that they are appropriate and outside the scope of the original tender.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Maintain Assets and Infrastructure – To optimize existing infrastructure through sound asset management.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

The funds requested are required to pay the Contractor the cost of unexpected additional work required in the completion of this project. The cost and quantities involved have been verified by Engineering Services Staff. It is therefore appropriate to approve the payment of the funds as requested.

Should Council concur with the additional funding request, this action would be considered as an amendment to the Capital Budget. Pursuant to the Municipal Act, before amending a budget, a municipality shall give notice of its intention to amend the budget at a Council meeting. Where a capital project has been subject to a public meeting during the adoption of the approved capital budget and where additional funding is required to complete the approved works, inclusion of the matter in a staff report requesting additional funding on a Public Committee or Council Agenda is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of Bylaw 394-2002.

Attachments

None.

Report prepared by:

Gino Martino, B.A., C.Tech., Engineering Technologist – Capital, Ext. 3151 Justin Metras, C.Tech., Manager of Construction Services, Ext. 3140

GM:mc

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Item 11, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with the memorandum from the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 18, 2008:

- 1) That Tender T08-246, Pine Valley Drive Resurfacing/Rehabilitation be awarded to Furfari Paving Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$426,831.50, plus G.S.T.;
- 2) That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$45,000.00 plus G.S.T. be approved within which the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works or his designate is authorized to approve amendments to the Contract;
- 3) That a Geotechnical and Material Testing amount of \$5,000.00, plus G.S.T. be approved to ensure compliance with all applicable standards; and
- 4) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the appropriate documents.

AWARD OF TENDER T08-246 PINE VALLEY DRIVE RESURFACING/REHABILITATION

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

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The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services Department and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

That Tender T08-246 for the Pine Valley Drive Resurfacing/Rehabilitation be brought forward to Council.

Economic Impact

The economic impact to the City is unknown at this time, but will be identified in the additional information item after the tender has closed.

Communications Plan

Once the project is awarded, staff will advise the Ward Sub-Committee and will send out a notice of construction letter (formerly Letter 'C') to the affected residents.

Purpose

Council approval to award Tender T08-246, Pine Valley Drive Resurfacing/Rehabilitation.

Background - Analysis and Options

The work covered by this tender includes the resurfacing and rehabilitation of Pine Valley Drive from Intersite Place to Clubhouse Road (2008 Pavement Management Program, Capital Budget Project EN-1704-08). (See Attachment No. 1 for project location).

Tenders for this project closed on September 12, 2008, after preparation of the meeting reports. Staff will prepare an additional information report for this item after the bids have been evaluated,

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for Council's consideration at the September 22, 2008 meeting. Construction is scheduled to commence in early October and is expected to be substantially completed by mid-November 2008.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This project is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2020 in that the proposed works ensure that growth does not outpace the road network infrastructure (3.2.3) provide effective and efficient delivery of services (1.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

To be submitted in the additional information after the Tender has closed.

Attachments

1. Location Map

Report prepared by:

Pat Marcantonio, C.E.T., Senior Engineering Assistant, ext. 3111 Tom Ungar, P. Eng., Manager, Design Services, ext. 3110

PM:mc

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Item 12, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008, as follows:

By approving the following in accordance with the memorandum from the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 15, 2008:

- 1) That Tender T08-231, Road Resurfacing 2008 East Vaughan, Various Locations be awarded to Furfari Paving Co. Ltd. in the amount of \$1,987,756.50;
- 2) That a contingency allowance in the amount of \$200,000.00 plus G.S.T. be approved within which the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works or his designate is authorized to approve amendments to the Contract;
- 3) That a Geotechnical and Material Testing amount of \$20,000.00, plus G.S.T. be approved to ensure compliance with all applicable standards; and
- 4) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign the appropriate documents; and

By receiving the memorandum from the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 18, 2008.

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AWARD OF TENDER – T08-231 ROAD RESURFACING 2008 – EAST VAUGHAN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works in consultation with the Director of Purchasing Services Department and the Director of Reserves and Investments recommends:

That Tender T08-231 for the Road Resurfacing 2008 – East Vaughan, Various Locations be brought forward directly to Council for authorization to award or other direction.

Economic Impact

The economic impact to the City is unknown at this time, but will be identified in the additional information item after the tender has closed.

Communications Plan

Once this project is awarded, staff will advise the Ward Sub-Committee and will send out a notice of construction letter (formerly Letter 'C') to all the residents.

Purpose

Council approval to award Tender T08-231, Road Resurfacing 2008 – East Vaughan, Various Locations.

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Background - Analysis and Options

The work covered by this tender includes the resurfacing and rehabilitation of various roads in East Vaughan (2008 Pavement Management Program, Capital Budget Project EN-1704-08). (See Attachment No. 1 for project location).

Tenders for this project closed on August 29, 2008, and there was insufficient time to review tenders prior to finalizing reports for the meeting agenda. Staff will prepare an additional information report for this item after the bids have been evaluated, for Council's consideration at the September 22, 2008 meeting. Construction is scheduled to commence in early October and is expected to be substantially completed by the end of November 2008.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This project is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2020 in that the proposed works ensure that growth does not outpace the road network infrastructure (3.2.3).provide effective and efficient delivery of services (1.3).

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

To be submitted in the additional information after the Tender has closed.

Attachments

1. Location Map

Report prepared by:

Pat Marcantonio, C.E.T., Senior Engineering Assistant, ext. 3111 Tom Ungar, P. Eng., Manager, Design Services, ext. 3110

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Item 13, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

TOWNSGATE DRIVE AND JACOB FISHER AVENUE ALL-WAY STOP CONTROL REVIEW

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

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The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That an all-way stop control be installed at the intersection of Townsgate Drive and Jacob Fisher Avenue.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the all-way stop signs and pavement markings (stop bars) will be an initial impact on the 2008 Operating Budget. There are sufficient funds available for this work. The ongoing costs to maintain the signs and pavement markings would be incorporated in future Operating Budgets.

Communication Plan

Engineering Services staff will contact the resident with the direction from Council.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing an all-way stop control at the intersection of Townsgate Drive and Jacob Fisher Avenue, in response to a request from a local resident.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request was received from a local resident to review the traffic activity at the intersection of Townsgate Drive and Jacob Fisher Avenue. Townsgate Drive is a feeder roadway with a 23.0 metre right-of-way, and an 11.5 metre pavement width. The existing posted speed limit is 40 km/h on Townsgate Drive. Jacob Fisher Avenue is a local roadway with a 20.0 metre right-of-way and an 8.5 metre pavement width. The existing speed limit is a statutory 50 km/h on Jacob Fisher Avenue. The existing stop control is located on Jacob Fisher Avenue. The area is shown in Attachment No.1.

Staff conducted a turning movement count on Tuesday, June 3, 2008 at the intersection of Townsgate Drive and Jacob Fisher Avenue during the morning and afternoon peak time periods of 7:00 am to 9:00 am, and 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm. The weather on this day was cloudy and clear. The data collected was compared to the Provincial Warrant for All-way Stop Control with the following results:

Warrant 1 – Minimum Vehicular Volumes	Warranted	107%
Warrant 2 – Accident Hazard	Warranted	25%
Warrant 3 – Sight Restriction	Warranted	0%

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All-way stop controls are recommended when one of the above warrants are satisfied to 100% or more. There has been 1 reported collision at this intersection susceptible to prevention by implementing all-way stop control from January 2005 to December 2006, the last year for which collision data is available. There are no sight distance restrictions at this intersection. According to the results above, this intersection does meet the minimum requirements of the Provincial Warrant.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, it is recommended that all-way stop controls be installed at the intersection of Townsgate Drive and Jacob Fisher Avenue.

Attachments

1. Location Map

Report prepared by:

David Fan, Traffic Analyst, Ext. 3109
Mike Dokman, Supervisor Traffic Engineering, Ext. 3118

DF:mc

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Item 14, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

14 NAPA VALLEY AVENUE BETWEEN FONTESELVA AVENUE AND CASA VISTA DRIVE PARKING PROHIBITION REVIEW

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends:

That By-law 1-96, the Consolidated Parking By-law, be amended to add a "No Stopping" prohibition from 8:00am - 9:00am and 2:30pm – 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 on the west side of Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive.

Economic Impact

The cost to install the "No Stopping" prohibition signs will be an initial impact on the 2008 Operating Budget. There are sufficient funds available for this work. The on-going costs to maintain the signs would be incorporated in future Operating Budgets.

Communication Plan

Engineering Services staff will contact the residents with the direction from Council.

Purpose

To review the feasibility of implementing a "No Stopping" prohibition on the east side of Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive, in response to a request from local residents.

Background - Analysis and Options

Napa Valley Avenue is a feeder roadway with a 23.0 metre right-of-way, and an 11.5 metre pavement width. St. Stephen Catholic School is located on east side of Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive. There are 2 lay-by parking lanes on Napa Valley Avenue near the school; one is in front of the school with 7 parking spaces and the other location is east of Casa Vista Drive with 10 parking spaces.

There are existing all-way stop controls at the intersection of Napa Valley Avenue and Fonteselva Avenue and at the intersection of Napa Valley Avenue and Casa Vista Drive. There is an existing school crossing guard located on the east side of the intersection of Napa Valley Avenue and Casa Vista Drive. Napa Valley Avenue is a York Region Transit route.

A parking review was conducted on Tuesday, May 13, 2008 between 8:00am - 9:00am, 11:00am - 1:00pm and 2:30pm - 3:30pm to determine if on-street parking warrants installing parking prohibitions.

Staff observations revealed that parents picked up and dropped off their children through the school driveways and used the lay-by parking lane in front of the school. If this lay-by parking lane was full, parents would park on the west side of Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive. This side of the roadway has residential frontage. Due to the lack

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of available on-street parking spaces (about 5 parking spaces) on the residential side, parents parked their vehicles near the fire hydrants, and also blocked residents' driveways. However, the other lay-by parking lane farther from the school was not full during staff observations.

Due to the roadway width, parking on both sides of the street may cause traffic congestion, neighbours may have a difficult time viewing oncoming vehicles and accessing their driveways and emergency vehicles and YRT and school buses will be impeded. Based on our review, staff recommends the installation of "No Stopping" signs from 8:00am - 9:00am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 on the west side of Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive.

There was only 1 reported vehicle collision on Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive from January 2005 to December 2006.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness – To advocate for, protect and enhance community safety, health and wellness through education, design and enforcement.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

Regional Implications

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Based on staff's review, a "No Stopping" prohibition from 8:00am - 9:00am and 2:30pm - 4:00pm, Monday to Friday, September 1 to June 30 on the west side of Napa Valley Avenue between Fonteselva Avenue and Casa Vista Drive is recommended.

<u>Attachments</u>

Location Map

Report prepared by:

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TRAIN WHISTLING CESSATION

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated September 15, 2008, be approved; and
- 2) That staff contact Mr. Paul Mantella of the Nashville Area Ratepayers' Association *to advise of the requirements of the report and that the Region of York also be so advised.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor recommends:

- 1. That this Report be received for information;
- 2. That should Council wish to request train whistling cessation at railway crossings, Staff recommend commencing the process for such a request as outlined in this Report;

Economic Impact

Should Council wish to request a cessation of train whistling at particular railway crossings, all costs associated with such an endeavor would be borne by the City. These would include railway safety consultant costs, costs of new safety measures such as flashing lights and gates, and insurance premium costs. York Region estimates that the costs for these safety measures can range from \$60,000 to \$100,000 for pedestrian gates, and potentially more for vehicular gates. York Region also estimates that the cost of a railway safety consultant is \$3,000, and that the costs to create an education program range from \$2,000 to \$5,000. Pursuant to Council direction of December 10, 2007, the Engineering Department is preparing a Report to be brought forward with the 2008 Capital Budget respecting costs.

Communications Plan

Should Council wish to request a train whistling cessation at a particular railway crossing, the City would be required to notify the general public of such a proposed prohibition. Furthermore, the City would be required to notify all railway trade unions, pursuant to Canadian Rail Operating Rules.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this Report is to provide Council with an outline of the process for requesting a train whistling cessation at grade railway crossings in the City.

Background - Analysis and Options

There have been complaints in relation to train whistling at various railway crossings throughout the City, including railway crossings along Nashville and Coldcreek Roads, as well as the railway crossing near Steeles Avenue and Conley Street. Attached are the lists of railway crossings in the City. Canadian Pacific Railway has advised where train whistling cessation is already in place. The City is awaiting this information from Canadian National Railways. The following

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^{*} Amended at the Council meeting of October 27, 2008, under Minute No. 218.

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procedures apply to requests for train whistling cessation. It should be noted that train whistling cessations would only apply to railway crossings at grade, and not railway overpasses or underpasses. Furthermore, the train operator would still have residual discretion to use the train whistle in emergency situations and to warn workers who are performing maintenance on tracks.

Canadian Railway Operating Rules

Train Whistling requirements are controlled through the Canadian Rail Operating Rules (hereinafter the "CROR"). Rule 14(L)(ii) requires train whistling for all public crossings "except as may be prescribed in special instructions". The relevant railway company can initiate an exception by issuing a special instruction to its locomotive engineers, which eliminates the application of Rule 14(L)(ii).

Transport Canada sets out the guidelines that must be followed in order for a special instruction to be issued. First, the municipality must contact the relevant railway company to discuss the matter. In the case where the municipality is not the responsible road authority, the responsible road authority must also be contacted. It is also incumbent upon the municipality to contact the various trade unions representing railway employees, as well as to notify the general public about the proposed whistling cessation. Once these parties have been contacted, the municipality, Railway Company, and road authority (if applicable) are to conduct a detailed safety assessment of the rail crossing.

The safety assessment will be conducted by a railway safety consultant, who will determine whether the safety measures in place satisfy Transport Canada requirements for whistle cessation. Depending on the character of the railway crossing, Transport Canada may require safety measures such as flashing lights, bells, gates, and signs. Factors such as the train speed limit and the number of tracks dictate the requisite safety measure. In addition, the railway safety consultant will look at traffic density, sight lines, adjacent public buildings, evidence of trespassing problems in determining whether the railway crossing qualifies for whistle cessation.

Once the safety assessment is concluded, the railway company may agree to have the whistling discontinued at the relevant railway crossing. The railway company may also request that a Transport Canada inspector inspect the railway crossing to confirm that it meets the requirements of the guideline.

York Region Requirements

It is necessary to contact York Region in order to have whistling cessation at railway crossings on Regional Roads. On February 21, 2008, York Regional Council adopted a policy for the cessation train whistling at railway crossings of Regional Roads. York Region would consider supporting train whistle cessation if the following conditions are satisfied and all costs are incurred by the local municipality requesting the train whistle cessation:

- 1. A safety audit is completed by a specialized safety consultant (railway safety consultant)
- 2. The safety audit is approved by Transport Canada
- 3. If there are pedestrians in the area of the crossing, pedestrian gates must be installed
- 4. An education program is developed for the affected area
- 5. The whistling prohibition is implemented only between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

Some of these requirements mirror those in the CROR. However, the education program and the time frame requirements are unique to York Region.

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It should be noted that the Town of Richmond Hill passed a Resolution requesting that all costs for implementing train whistling cessation affecting Regional Roads remain the responsibility of the York Region. It is not clear what effect, if any, this Resolution has.

Canadian National Railway Requirements

Canadian National Railways (hereinafter "CN") requires that the safety assessment be sent to Transport Canada for review and comment, even though the CROC guidelines do not require Transport Canada consultation. If Transport Canada agrees that whistle cessation is appropriate, CN requires that the municipality pass a by-law prohibiting whistling at the location under review. When the by-law is passed and any additional safety measures have been put into place, Transport Canada will issue a letter to the railroad exempting it from compliance with the whistling regulations at the particular location. Once CN receives this letter, CN will instruct their train crews to cease whistling at that location. Any costs in relation to the safety assessment and the installation of additional safety measures are to be borne by the municipality.

Canadian Pacific Railway Requirements

Canadian Pacific Railways (hereinafter "CP") also requires Transport Canada involvement after the safety assessment has been conducted. Once Transport Canada completes their review and approves the whistling cessation, CP requires that the municipality enter into an insurance agreement with CP, rather than passing a by-law prohibiting train whistling. Costs of the insurance premiums are shared with the municipality. CP will issue special instructions to their train crews to cease trains whistling at the particular location, once the insurance agreement is executed. Any costs in relation to the safety assessment and the installation of additional safety measures are to be borne by the municipality.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is in keeping with the Vaughan Vision in that it speaks to enhancing and ensuring community safety, health and wellness. The necessary resources have not been allocated.

Regional Implications

The City would need to contact York Region for train whistling cessation in relation to any railway crossings that are situated on Regional Roads. The City would also need to comply with York Region's policy for train whistling cessation, as outlined above.

Conclusion

There have been complaints in relation to train whistling at various locations throughout the City. If these railway crossings are at grade, the City can engage in a process whereby train whistling can be ceased. This process can potentially alleviate neighbourhood concerns regarding noise, while addressing public safety. A Report on costs is being brought forward for the 2008 Capital Budget.

Attachments

- 1. List of CP railway crossings in the City
- 2. List of CN railway crossings in the City

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Report prepared by:

Chris G. Bendick Solicitor

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Item 16, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

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ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.06.046 2056668 ONTARIO INC. REPORT #P.2008.28

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

1. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.06.046 (2056668 Ontario Inc.) BE APPROVED, to permit additional site-specific uses to the C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone of By-law 1-88, specifically an open storage area to be located below the canopy of an approved supermarket, and a seasonal garden centre that will operate between April 15 to July 15 each year, in the locations shown on Attachment #2.

Economic Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Communications Plan

On May 23, 2008, a Notice of Public Hearing was circulated to all property owners within 120m of the subject lands. As of August 28, 2008, no comments have been received. The recommendation of the Committee of the Whole on June 16, 2008, to receive the Public Hearing report and to forward a technical report to a future Committee meeting was ratified by Council on June 23, 2008.

Purpose

The Owner has submitted a Zoning By-law Amendment Application (File Z.06.046) on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1, to permit the following uses in association with an approved supermarket, as shown on Attachment #2, in the C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone:

- 1. an open storage area to be located below the canopy of the supermarket for the outdoor display and sale of merchandise; and
- a seasonal garden centre use within the parking area, which will be in operation for a period not exceeding 12 weeks per annum (April 15th to July 15th). The outdoor garden centre will be a maximum of 372 m² in area and will displace approximately 16 surplus parking spaces.

Background - Analysis and Options

The subject lands shown on Attachment #1 are located at the northeast corner of Dufferin Street and Major Mackenzie Drive, being Block 61 on Plan 65M-3949, in Part of Lot 21, Concession 2 (Planning Block 12), City of Vaughan. The subject lands are currently under construction and have an area of 7.0 ha. The surrounding land uses are shown on Attachment #1.

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On June 18, 2007, Vaughan Council approved the related Site Development File DA.06.055 for 13 single-storey, multi-unit and freestanding commercial buildings, including a supermarket on the subject lands. The site plan agreement was registered on April 25, 2008.

Official Plan

The subject lands are designated "Neighbourhood Commercial Centre" by OPA #600 and further designated "Settlement Area" by OPA #604 (Oak Ridges Moraine Conformity Plan). The open storage area for the purposes of display and sale of merchandise and the seasonal garden centre within the parking area are uses that offer additional variety of goods, services and convenience that are consistent with the commercial policies of the Official Plan. The proposed uses conform to the Official Plan.

Zoning

The subject lands are zoned C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to Exception 9(1198). Currently, the C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone permits uses carried on entirely within a shopping centre and with no open storage. The Owner proposes to rezone the subject lands to permit the following, as shown on Attachment #2:

- 1. an open storage area to be located below the canopy of the supermarket for the outdoor display and sale of merchandise; and
- a seasonal garden centre use within the parking area, which will be in operation for a period not exceeding 12 weeks per annum (April 15th to July 15th). The outdoor garden centre will be a maximum of 372 m² in area and will displace approximately 16 surplus parking spaces.

The merits of the proposed zoning amendment are discussed in the "Planning Considerations" section of this report.

Vaughan Engineering Department

The Engineering Department has reviewed the zoning by-law amendment application and has no objections to the proposal.

Toronto and Region Conservation Authority

The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority has reviewed the proposed application and has no concerns to the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

Planning Considerations

The subject lands, as shown on Attachment #2, have been approved for a development consisting of 13 single-storey, multi-unit and freestanding commercial buildings, with a combined gross floor area of 16,459.18 m². The C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone permits a myriad of commercial uses that are carried on entirely within a shopping centre and with no open storage. The proposal involves the open storage under the entry canopy of the approved supermarket for purposes of the display and sale of merchandise. Accordingly, the location of the open storage will not impede on the overall function, pedestrian and traffic flow of the site.

The proposed seasonal garden centre will operate from April 15th to July 15th per annum and will occupy 16 parking spaces that are surplus parking spaces to the entire commercial site (728 parking spaces are required, whereas 859 spaces have been provided). As a result, the site can accommodate the garden centre in association with the supermarket on a seasonal basis as

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there will be minimal impact on the parking supply. The seasonal garden centre is situated north of the proposed bank (currently under construction) and flanks Sir Benson Drive to the east, which is adjacent to a storm water management pond. The location of the seasonal garden centre is visually removed from Major Mackenzie Drive and is not directly adjacent to residential.

The proposed zoning by-law amendment conforms to the policies in OPA #600 as amended by OPA #604 (Oak Ridges Moraine Conformity Plan) with respect to "Neighbourhood Commercial Centre" areas. The Development Planning Department has no objections to the proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit the proposed additional uses.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly "Plan & Manage Growth & Economic Vitality".

Regional Implications

The Region of York Transportation Services Department has reviewed the proposed application and has no objection to the proposed zoning by-law amendment.

Conclusion

The Zoning By-law Amendment Application has been reviewed in accordance with OPA #600, By-law 1-88, the comments from City Departments and external public agencies, and the area context. The Development Planning Department is satisfied that the proposed amendment to permit an open storage area below the canopy of an approved supermarket for the outdoor display and sale of merchandise and a seasonal garden centre use within the parking area are appropriate and compatible with the existing and permitted uses on the site and in the surrounding area. Accordingly, the Development Planning Department can support the approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment Application.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan

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SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.08.059 YORK CATHOLIC DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated September 15, 2008, be approved; and
- 2) That the coloured elevation drawings submitted by the applicant, be received.

Recommendation

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The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

- 1. THAT Site Development File DA.08.059 (York Catholic District School Board) BE APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:
 - a) that prior to final approval, the final site plan, landscape plan, and building elevations, shall be approved by the Vaughan Development Planning Department; and,
 - b) that prior to final approval, the Owner shall satisfy all engineering and transportation requirements of the Vaughan Engineering Department.

Economic Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Communications Plan

N/A

Purpose

The Owner has submitted a Site Development Application (File DA.08.059) on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1, to permit the development of a new 5674.06 m², 2-storey elementary school, as shown on Attachment #2.

Background - Analysis and Options

Location

The 22,654 m² subject lands are located east of Weston Road and north of Major Mackenzie Drive, at the southeast corner of Vellore Park Avenue and Venice Gate Drive, as shown on Attachment #1.

Official Plan and Zoning

The subject lands are designated "Low Density Residential" by OPA #600 and are zoned RD3 Residential Detached Zone Three by By-law 1-88, subject to Exception 9(1223). The proposed site development complies with By-law 1-88 and OPA #600.

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Site Plan Review

The Development Planning Department is generally satisfied with the proposed site plan, landscaping plan and building elevations, as shown on Attachments #2, #3 and #4, respectively. The final plans will be approved to the satisfaction of the Development Planning Department.

The Development Planning Department is working with the applicant and the Engineering Department to finalize the grading and servicing plans, stormwater management, access, and onsite vehicular circulation for the proposed school development. All final plans and reports must be approved to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department. A condition of approval is included in the recommendation.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly "Plan & Manage Growth & Economic Vitality".

Regional Implications

The subject lands do not abut a Regional Road, and therefore, the proposed development is not subject to Regional approval.

Conclusion

The Site Development Application has been reviewed in accordance with OPA #600, By-law 1-88, the comments from City Departments and external public agencies, and the area context. The Development Planning Department is satisfied that the proposed development for an elementary school is appropriate and compatible with the existing and permitted uses in the surrounding area. Accordingly, the Development Planning Department can support the approval of the Site Development Application. The applicant will be required to satisfy all requirements of the Development Planning Department and the Engineering Department.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Landscape Plan
- 4. Elevations

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ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT FILE Z.08.013 SITE DEVELOPMENT FILE DA.08.013 FCHT HOLDINGS (ONTARIO) CORPORATION REPORT #P.2008.17

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Planning, dated September 15, 2008, be approved; and
- 2) That the coloured elevation drawings submitted by the applicant, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Planning recommends:

- 1. THAT Zoning By-law Amendment File Z.08.013 (FCHT Holdings (Ontario) Corporation) BE APPROVED, to permit the following zoning exceptions to the C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1 to facilitate the development of a commercial complex shown on Attachment #2:
 - i) a minimum 2m front yard setback (east), whereas the By-law requires 11m (Bathurst Street is deemed the front lot line; 2m is measured from the east side of Building #4, with the setbacks along this street ranging to 6m);
 - ii) a minimum 5m rear yard setback (west), whereas the By-law requires 15m (llan Ramon Boulevard is deemed the rear lot line; 5m is measured from the west side of Building #1, with the setbacks along this street ranging to 17m);
 - iii) a minimum 6m exterior side yard setback (north), whereas the By-law requires 11m (George Kirby Street is deemed the north exterior side lot line; 6m is measured from the north side of Building #3, with the setbacks along this street ranging to 13.8m);
 - iv) a 2m exterior side yard setback (south), whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 11m (Rutherford Road is deemed the south exterior side lot line; the 2m setback is measured from the south side of Buildings #9 and #10, with the setbacks along this street ranging to 6.1m);
 - v) a 2m wide landscape strip along Rutherford Road, whereas the By-law requires a minimum of 6m abutting all street lines (2m is measured from the south side of Buildings #9 and #10, with the balance of the landscape strip ranging to 6.1m in width);
 - vi) a minimum 2m wide landscape strip along Bathurst Street, whereas the By-law requires 6m abutting all street lines (2m is measured from the east side of Building #4, with the balance of the landscape strip ranging to 6m in width);
 - vii) a minimum 5m wide landscape strip along Ilan Ramon Boulevard, whereas the By-law requires 6m abutting all street lines (5m is measured from the west side of Building #1, with the balance of the landscape strip ranging to 17m in width);

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- viii) a 13.6m wide (north) driveway access on George Kirby Street, whereas the Bylaw permits a maximum driveway width of 7.5m;
- ix) a 14m wide driveway access for the most southern access on Ilan Ramon Boulevard, whereas the By-law permits a maximum driveway width of 13.5m which serves the movement of trucks to a loading space or loading area;
- x) no loading spaces for Buildings #6, #8 and #10, whereas the By-law requires one loading space each for all single tenant commercial buildings that exceed 500m²;
- xi) a minimum 2.8m wide loading space for Building #1, whereas the By-law requires a minimum 3.5m wide loading space;
- xii) to permit outside storage in the form of a seasonal outdoor garden centre, whereas the By-law prohibits outside storage of goods, materials or equipment (the seasonal garden centre is accessory to the proposed food store and is shown on the east side of Building #1);
- xiii) a minimum of 1,345 parking spaces (736 surface and 609 underground spaces), whereas the By-law requires 1,712 parking spaces;
- xiv) 16m, 19.4m, 12.2m, 11.2m and 12.9m building heights for Buildings #1, #2, #3, #9 and #10 respectively, whereas the By-law permits a maximum building height of 11m;
- xv) 28,535.61m² total site GFA (Gross Floor Area), whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 7,000 m²; and,
- xvi) a maximum 43.3% lot coverage, whereas the By-law permits a maximum of 33%.
- 2. THAT Site Development File DA.08.013 (FCHT Holdings (Ontario) Corporation) BE APPROVED, subject to the following conditions:
 - i) the final site plan, building elevations and landscaping plan shall be approved by the Vaughan Development Planning Department:
 - ii) the final site servicing and grading plans, stormwater management report, and traffic impact study shall be approved by the Vaughan Engineering Department;
 - iii) all requirements of the Region of York Transportation Services Department shall be satisfied.

Economic Impact

There are no requirements for new funding associated with this report.

Communications Plan

On April 11, 2008, a Notice of Public Hearing for the Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Z.08.013) was circulated to all property owners within 120m of the subject lands. Through this circulation, no comments have been received by the Development Planning Department. The recommendation of the Committee of the Whole to receive the Public Hearing report of May 5, 2008, and to forward a comprehensive report to a future Committee of the Whole meeting, was ratified by Council on May 12, 2008.

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Purpose

The Owner has submitted the following applications on the subject lands shown on Attachment #1:

- 1. A Zoning By-law Amendment Application (Z.08.013) to permit the following zoning exceptions to implement the proposed site plan shown on Attachment #2: increase in the maximum permitted gross floor area, building heights, driveway access widths and lot coverage; and, a decrease in the minimum required number of parking and width of loading spaces, building setbacks, and landscape strip widths; and, to permit outside storage in the form of a seasonal garden centre.
- 2. A Site Development Application (DA.08.013) to facilitate a commercial complex, including underground parking, for a total of 10 buildings ranging in size and height, as shown on Attachment #2.

Background - Analysis and Options

Location

The subject lands shown on Attachment #1 are located on the northwest corner of Rutherford Road and Bathurst Street, in Part of Lot 16, Concession 2, City of Vaughan. The subject lands have a lot area of 6.52ha, with 230m lot frontage on Bathurst Street; and 240m, 280m, and 250m flankage along Rutherford Road, Ilan Ramon Avenue, and George Kirby Street, respectively.

Official Plan and Zoning

The subject lands are designated "Medium Density Residential/Commercial Area" and also identified as a "Neighbourhood Commercial Centre" by OPA #600 (City of Vaughan Plan). The subject lands are located within the approved Block 11 Plan, which identifies the lands as "Neighbourhood Commercial". In addition, the recently approved site-specific Official Plan Amendment #689 (OP.08.002) permits a maximum Gross Leasable Area (GLA) of 26,800m², whereas 26,597.07m² is proposed. The subject lands are zoned C4 Neighbourhood Commercial Zone by By-law 1-88, subject to Exception 9(1217). The surrounding land uses are shown on Attachment #1.

Zoning/Site Plan Review

The Development Planning Department is generally satisfied with the proposed commercial development, and will continue to work with the Owner to finalize the details of the proposed site plan, building elevations and landscape plan, shown on Attachments #2 to #10. The buildings are well sited and attractive, and there is plenty of landscaping along the perimeter of the site and within the parking area to screen the parking and loading wall areas. The final site plan, building elevations and landscape plan will be approved to the satisfaction of the Development Planning Department.

Given that Development Planning Staff is generally satisfied with the above-noted plans, the application to amend the Zoning By-law (Z.08.013) to permit the necessary zoning exceptions, more specifically noted in the recommendation section of this report, to implement the site plan, building elevations and landscape plans shown on Attachments #2 to #10, are acceptable. The Development Planning Department can support the proposal to increase the maximum permitted gross floor area, building heights, driveway access widths and lot coverage; and, a decrease in the minimum required number of parking and width of loading spaces, building setbacks, and landscape strip widths; and, to permit outside storage in the form of a seasonal garden centre.

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The Vaughan Engineering Department is generally satisfied with the servicing, grading and stormwater management plans for the commercial development, and will continue to work with the Owner to finalize the details of the engineering drawings, which must be to the satisfaction of the Engineering Department.

The Vaughan Engineering Department is also of the opinion that site access, parking and on-site vehicular circulation is acceptable. In accordance with By-law 1-88, the proposed commercial development requires 1,712 parking spaces (6 spaces/100m² of GFA), whereas the site plan shows 1,345 parking spaces (4.71 spaces/100m² of GFA), resulting in a deficiency of 367 spaces. The Vaughan Engineering Department has approved the Transportation and Traffic Study prepared by TSH Associates, in support of the proposed development and parking space reduction.

Sustainability

The Owner is pursuing a Silver LEED accreditation for the proposed commercial complex. The proposed development includes some of the following sustainable features:

- Heat Island Effect, Roof: Use roofing material having a high Solar Reflectance Index (SRI);
 there are no high density sites in the vicinity of this development;
- Water Efficient Landscaping: Reduce water consumption by 50% by requiring a "no mow" lawn;
- Minimum Energy Performance: reduce designed energy consumption by 30% in parking areas and mall common areas;
- Recycled Materials and Resource Content: 100% recycled steel; and, concrete and exterior cladding to have a minimum 25% recycled content;
- Indoor Environmental Quality: carbon dioxide monitoring; provide ventilation controls to limit CO2 levels;
- Innovation and Design Process: Regional materials; 30% of concrete, steel, and cladding to be extracted and manufactured within 800km of the site;
- Bicycle Locking Rings and Posts: to promote alternative methods of transportation to the site.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2020, particularly "Plan & Manage Growth & Economic Vitality".

Regional Implications

The Region of York has no objections to the proposed development. As the City's Letter of Undertaking is in effect, the Region will utilize their own Regional agreement to secure their interests. As a condition of site plan approval, all requirements of the Region of York shall be satisfied by the Owner.

Conclusion

The Site Development Application has been reviewed in accordance with OPA #600, By-law 1-88, comments from City Departments and external public agencies, and the area context. The Development Planning Department is satisfied that the proposed commercial complex with underground parking and 10 buildings varying in size and height is appropriate and compatible with the existing and permitted uses in the surrounding area. The Development Planning Department can support the approval of the Site Development Application, subject to the conditions set out in this report.

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Accordingly, the Development Planning Development can also recommend approval of the Zoning By-law Amendment Application to permit an increase in the maximum permitted gross floor area, building heights, driveway access widths and lot coverage; and, a decrease in the maximum required number of parking and width of loading spaces, building setbacks, and landscape strip widths; and, to permit outside storage in the form of a seasonal garden centre, which will implement the proposed site development.

Attachments

- 1. Location Map
- 2. Site Plan
- 3. Underground Parking Plan and Second Storey Plan
- 4. Elevation Plan-Building "1"
- 5. Elevation Plan-Building "2"
- 6. Elevation Plan-Buildings "3" and "4"
- 7. Elevation Plan-Buildings "5", "6" and "7"
- 8. Elevation Plan-Buildings "8", "9" and "10"
- 9. Landscape Plan-North
- 10. Landscape Plan-South

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Item 19, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

19 TASK FORCE ON DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION & RENEWAL: QUORUM REDUCTION

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Carella, dated September 15, 2008:

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that the quorum required for meetings of Panel 1 of the Task Force on Democratic Participation and Renewal be reduced from (11 members) to (6 members) of the membership of the panel.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communication Plan

The Clerks Department will inform the members of Panel 1.

Purpose

To ensure the timely completion of the tasks assigned to the Panel.

Background - Analysis and Options

While everyone who has attended meetings of Panel 1 of the Task Force on Democratic Participation & Renewal has commented on the high level of interest and commitment demonstrated by the members, it is nevertheless experiencing like several other committees, difficulty in achieving quorum from time to time. Given the Panel must complete its work by September 2009, to permit time for Council to respond to its recommendation before January 1, 2010, the start of the next municipal election cycle, it is imperative that quorum be adjusted to 6 members.

Regional Implications

None

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Conclusion

The multiple demands on the time of already busy and committed individuals necessitates an adjustment in the quorum of the Panel, to ensure its work is completed in the next twelve months.

Attachments

None

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

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Item 20, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

NEW BUSINESS - SERVICING CAPACITY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

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- 1) That staff provide a report to the Committee of the Whole meeting of October 6, 2008, on providing servicing allocation to Woodvalley Developments Inc., 19T-95062 Phase 3, for 58 units, from the City's reserve allocation; and
- 2) That the report include that the allocation be recovered from the Block 11 allocation for this plan at the appropriate time.

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

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Item 21, Report No. 44, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 22, 2008.

21 CEREMONIAL PRESENTATION – CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION TO MS. ANGELA FERMANI, 2008 MISS TEEN CANADA GLOBE

Members of Council presented Ms. Angela Fermani, of St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School, with a certificate in recognition for winning Miss Teen Canada Globe for 2008, and for her achievements and contributions to charity in raising money and awareness for the Sick Kids Hospital.

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22 PRESENTATION – YORK REGION RAPID TRANSIT CORPORATION WITH RESPECT TO THE YONGE STREET RAPID TRANSIT EXTENSION PROJECT

The Committee of the Whole recommends that the presentation by Ms. Mary-Frances Turner, Vice-President, Mr. Dave Clark, Chief Architect, Development & Infrastructure, York Region Rapid Transit Corporation, 1 West Pearce Street, 6th Floor, Richmond Hill, L4B 3K3, and Mr. Tom Middlebrook, McCormick, Rankin Corporation, Yonge Street Lead, and presentation material submitted titled "Yonge Subway Extension Preliminary Planning for Transit Project Assessment", dated September 15, 2008, be received.