

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 5, 2011

Item 1, Report No. 8, of the Finance and Administration Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 5, 2011.

1 DRAFT 2011 OPERATING BUDGET – 2011 ADDITIONAL RESOURCE REQUESTS

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the following report of the Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning, dated March 21, 2011, be received;**
- 2) That the modifications by Members of Council to the 2011 Additional Resource Requests be incorporated into the Draft 2011 Operating Budget;**
- 3) That staff consider options to reduce the Draft 2011 Budget; and**
- 4) That the following communications be received:**
 - C1 Commissioner of Community Services, “Draft 2011 Budget – Committee Information Request”, dated March 17, 2011; and**
 - C2 Commissioner of Community Services, “Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information Request”, dated March 17, 2011.**

Recommendation

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

1. That the 2011 Additional Resource Requests (Attachment 1) included in the 2011 Draft Operating Budget be reviewed and approved; and
2. That subject to amendments by the Finance & Administration Committee to the 2011 Additional Resource Requests, the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget be recommended to Council for adoption at the April 5, 2011 Special Council Meeting

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable

Economic Impact

The Draft 2011 Operating Budget presented to the Finance and Administration Committee results in an annual tax increase of \$39.44 to the average household for City of Vaughan Services, including the Additional Resource Requests. The impact of the 2011 Additional Resource Requests (ARR's) component of the Proposed 2011 Operating budget is \$26.91 annually.

Communications Plan

Not applicable

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide information requested by the Finance and Administration Committee on March 14, 2011.

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Background - Analysis and Options

On March 14, 2011 the Finance and Administration Committee recommended:

“That the Additional Resource Requests be provided for review to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 21, 2011”

The prioritized 2011 Additional Resource Request (ARR) list is attached for Committee’s review. Following Committee’s review of, and potential amendments to the ARR list, the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget will go to the April 5th Special Council meeting for adoption.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

The 2011 ARR’s in priority order are attached to this report for Finance and Administration Committee’s review. Subject to amendments to the ARR’s by the Finance and Administration Committee, staff recommend that the Proposed 2011 Operating Budget be recommended by the Finance and Administration Committee to Council for adoption at the April 5th, 2011 Special Council Meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – 2011 SMT Recommended Additional Resource Requests

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

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Item 2, Report No. 8, of the Finance and Administration Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 5, 2011.

2 **COUNCIL EXPENDITURE BUDGETS**
(Deferred)

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That this matter be deferred for consideration to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 28, 2011; and
- 2) That communication C3, Member's Resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Rosati, dated March 21, 2011, be received.

Recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee of March 8, 2011

The Finance and Administration Committee, at its meeting of March 8, 2011 (Item 3 Report No. 6), recommended the following:

That this matter be deferred for consideration to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 21, 2011.

Consideration of this matter was deferred to the March 8, 2011, meeting due to the meeting of March 1, 2011, being adjourned.

Recommendation of the Finance and Administration Committee of February 22, 2011

The Finance and Administration Committee, at its meeting of February 22, 2011 (Item 2 Report No. 4), recommended the following:

That this matter be deferred for consideration to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 1, 2011.

Report of the Council Budgets Task Force, dated February 22, 2011

Recommendation

The Council Budgets Task Force recommends:

1. That Option #6 as described in the attached report be approved; and
2. That the Council Member 2011 budgets be adjusted accordingly.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

There are no economic impacts of this report, as the option proposed by the Council Budgets Task Force does not result in an increase in overall Council budgets.

Communications Plan

N/A

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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to convey to the Finance and Administration Committee the Council Budgets Task Force's preferred option for allocating funds to discretionary Council Member budgets.

Background - Analysis and Options

On February 7, 2011, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that a sub-committee composed of Councillors Carella, DeFrancesca, lafrate and Racco be established to address the issues raised by Members of Council with respect to Council Expenditure Budgets. The sub-committee was directed to report back to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of February 22, 2011.

The sub-committee (the Council Budgets Task Force) met on February 11th and February 16th to consider options that would address the issue of allocation of budget funds to Council discretionary budgets.

Following the discussion at the February 11th meeting, Finance staff provided 7 options for the Task Force's consideration on February 16th. The options illustrated various methodologies for allocating additional funds to the Ward Councillors.

The Council Budgets Task Force has recommended Option #6, as set out in the attached report. Pursuant to the Procedural By-law, a matter considered by a sub-committee that requires a decision of Council shall be separately reported to the appropriate committee, which is the purpose of this report.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

N/A

Regional Implications

There are no Regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

The Council Budgets Task Force's has recommended Option #6, as set out in the attached report.

Attachments

Report to the Council Budgets Tax Force Meeting – February 16, 2011

Report prepared by:

Barb Cribbett, CMA
Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer

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Please also refer to Item 1, Report No. 9, Finance and Administration Committee for further disposition regarding this matter.

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Item 3, Report No. 8, of the Finance and Administration Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 5, 2011.

3 PROPOSED 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That this matter be deferred for consideration to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting of March 28, 2011; and**
- 2) That communication C4 from the Commissioner of Community Services, “Draft 2011 Capital Budget – Committee Information Request, Concord Thornhill Regional Park Artificial Turf – Public Private Partnership”, dated March 21, 2011, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Reserves & Investments recommend:

1. That the attached Summary of Changes or Requests for Additional Information to the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget be reviewed; and
2. That subject to amendments to the 2011 Proposed Capital Budget by the Finance & Administration Committee, that the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget be recommended to Council for adoption at the April 5th, 2011 Special Council Meeting.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable

Economic Impact

The attached Summary of Changes or Requests for Additional Information to the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget illustrates the additional funding requirements for capital projects included in Committee Information Requests that have been provided to Committee during the 2011 Capital Budget Discussions. The attachment indicates that funding all of the additional projects would result in an adjustment to the 2011 Operating Budget to raise additional tax funding of \$1,391,933, and a deficit of \$424,970 in the Parks Infrastructure Reserve.

Communications Plan

Not applicable

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee with a summary of the financial impact of the additional capital projects that have been the subject of requests for information from the Finance & Administration Committee.

Background - Analysis and Options

A number of Committee Information Requests relating to capital projects have been provided by staff as directed by the Finance & Administration Committee. To assist the Finance & Administration Committee with its capital budget deliberations, staff has summarized the financial impact of capital projects by the required funding source (Attachment 1).

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In an effort to determine if there was additional funding available, staff have reviewed previously approved projects funded from the Parks Infrastructure Reserve and Taxation that are scheduled to be closed. Staff have identified \$100,000 unspent from previously approved taxation funded projects scheduled to be closed. There are no additional funds available from Parks Infrastructure Reserve funded projects. The proposed 2011 Capital Budget presented by staff had \$471,997 in unallocated taxation funding. As a result of the review of projects scheduled to be closed, the unallocated amount available from taxation has increased to \$571,997. Approval of taxation funded capital requests in excess of \$571,997 would have an additional impact on the 2011 Operating Budget.

On March 8, 2011, the Finance and Administration Committee recommended that:

“That the Finance and Administration Committee support and endorse the Vaughan Public Library Board’s recommendation to construct a 6,000 to 10,000 square foot library in the Thornhill Woods Community in 2011 and recommends that the library be constructed at the North Thornhill Community Centre site.”

The approval of the Thornhill Woods Library and the requirement to fund 10% of the project from non-development charge sources reduces the available taxation funding from \$571,991 to \$211,697.

The balance of the projects described in the attached Committee Information Requests are listed on Attachment #1 as “Other Requests”.

Subject to the Finance & Administration Committee amendments to the 2011 Capital Budget, the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget will be recommended for adoption at the April 5th Special Council meeting.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

The purpose the report was to assist the Finance & Administration Committee with its capital budget deliberations by summarizing the potential financial impact of capital projects, if approved.

Subject to amendments to the proposed 2011 Capital Budget by the Finance & Administration Committee, staff recommend that the Proposed 2011 Capital Budget be recommended by the Finance & Administration Committee to Council for adoption at the April 5th, 2011 Special Council Meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Summary of Capital Financial Impact of Committee Information Requests

Attachment 2 – Finance and Administration Committee Information Requests

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Item 4, Report No. 8, of the Finance and Administration Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 5, 2011.

**4 2011 PEE WEE GIRLS FASTPITCH CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP JAMBOREE
REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE
WARDS 4 AND 5**

The Finance and Administration Committee recommends:

- 1) That the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated March 21, 2011, be received; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Frank Crudo, City of Vaughan Baseball, 34 Regal Pine Court, Maple, L6A 2M5, be received.**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Directors of Parks Development, Parks and Forestry Operations, and Recreation and Culture recommends:

1. That Council provide direction regarding the one time funding commitment of \$28,600 to the Vaughan Baseball Association (VBA) to facilitate the hosting of the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship; and,
2. That upgrades to Tudor Park in the amount of \$30,000 for dugout upgrades and hard surface walkway connections for improved accessibility be approved; and,
3. That the approved amount be included in the 2011 Parks Operating Budget to cover the one time costs outlined in this report.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4:

- To create a vibrant community where citizens, business and visitors thrive.

Economic Impact

There will be a one time impact to the 2011 Parks and Forestry Operations Operating Budget of \$30,000 for dugout covers at both Tudor Park and Concord Thornhill Regional Park (CTRP), as well as hard surface walkway connections for accessibility within Tudor Park and \$28,600 for VBA to host the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree.

The Economic Development Department will coordinate with VBA regarding future tournaments to ensure that maximum economic benefits for both the City of Vaughan and VBA are realized.

Communications Plan

Corporate Communications will assist the VBA in providing communications and logistical support to set up a press conference to announce the hosting of the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree.

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Purpose

Recognizing Council desire to reduce the 2011 taxation requirement, the purpose of this report is to seek Council direction in providing financial assistance to VBA. The financial assistance is required to reduce the costs for VBA hosting the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championships Jamboree.

Background - Analysis and Options

- At Committee of the Whole Meeting on January 11, 2011, Mr. Dirk Driberg of the VBA made a deputation regarding VBA hosting the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree. Mr. Driberg also requested that the event be held at both Tudor and CTRP on August 17th to 21st 2011 and that the City contributes \$35,000 to off set the costs associated with hosting the event and \$30,000 in capital improvements.

In his deputation, Mr. Driberg stated that the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree is positioned as a “festive” Championship Jamboree with teams from across the country participating. Last year a pilot project took place in Quebec with 22 teams from across Canada participating. With the Jamboree being proposed in Ontario, more teams will likely enter due to the geographical proximity to the rest of the country. Softball Canada indicates that we could have as many as 30 teams. With the success of the previous tournaments, VBA is confident that the City of Vaughan will be showcased in another successful tournament.

In addition, the tournament provides positive recognition to Vaughan’s sports fields. Vaughan fields have been well received by the teams visiting, and they have passed on very positive comments on both the fields and services received in Vaughan. The capital improvements requested will also benefit the community after the tournament is over.

VBA have also recognized the importance of securing venues and accommodations for the participants and their families within Vaughan. VBA is in the process of contacting and negotiating with hotels and restaurants in the area to accommodate this tournament. In addition, the visitors attending are provided with coupons and brochures encouraging them to contribute to the many attractions available in Vaughan to enjoy. Beyond the economic benefits, the publicity and awareness that Vaughan will garner will serve to further promote the positive image of the City.

2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree

The venues for this event proposed by VBA are at Tudor Park and CTRP with a proposed date of August 17-21st. Both parks have the required size and number of fields to accommodate the number of teams expected to participate. VBA has requested a number of improvements to bring the facilities up to the level expected by the tournament organizers. Improvements would include dug out covers at Tudor Park and CTRP. Additionally, a hard surface walkway connecting the diamonds and field house/washrooms at Tudor Park is required for improved accessibility. This improvement in the department work plan and was originally scheduled for 2012 to comply with the 2015 accessibility guidelines. Tudor Park is being used, as the Vaughan Grove Park will be used for Canadian Bantam Championships. In addition, both Tudor and CTRP meet the regulations required for the Pee Wee Girls fastpitch, which includes depth of outfield and distance between backstop and home plate.

VBA further requested funding assistance in the amount of \$35,000 for the 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree for; communications, marketing, security, transportation (for the umpires and representatives from Softball Ontario and Softball Canada only), temporary fencing and bleachers. A budget detailing VBA’s expenses and revenue for the Jamboree was provided for review and consideration to support this event (Refer to Attachment ‘A’). It should be noted that the VBA does not charge the players or teams a registration fee or

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administration fee to participate in the Jamboree as the players are representatives of their City and Province.

VBA has projected expenses to be \$95,100. The City of Vaughan in consultation and full support of the VBA, initiated an expenditure control procedure whereby all funds provided by the City of Vaughan (and prior to expenditure by VBA), are subject to scrutiny and final approval by the Director of Parks and Forestry Operations. It is expected that a minimum of three written quotations are secured for each expenditure and that the quotes are made available for review and approval prior to the expense being finalized. Further, following the completion of the Jamboree, the VBA will be required to provide a full accounting of the event revenues and expenditures that includes submission of all invoices and receipts. They anticipate \$66,500 will be recovered from; sponsorship, ticket sales, snack bar, programs and merchandise sales. VBA requested the \$35,000.00 contribution from the City of Vaughan to off set the difference.

Upon review of the budgets, staff is recommending that the \$35,000 be reduced to \$28,600. The reduction of \$6,400 reflects the forecasted net profit demonstrated in the budget submitted by VBA.

The costs associated with this 2011 Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree required for one year only in the Operating Budget are outlined below. Note that for this championship, the teams are responsible for paying for their own accommodation and transportation.

2011 Budget

ITEM	RATIONAL	VALUE
Dug-out covers at CTRP and Tudor Parks		\$17,000
Hard surface walkway at Tudor Park		\$13,000
Cost to Host	Communication & Marketing Security/Site Services Transportation Temporary fencing	\$15,000 \$5,000 \$7,500 \$7,500
		= \$35,000
	(less) –	\$6,400
		= \$28,600

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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.

Regional Implications

N/A

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Conclusion

It is evident from the positive press releases and national feedback received from the Boys Canadian National Bantam Championships which the City of Vaughan has supported since 2008, that hosting a Pee Wee Girls Fastpitch Canadian Championship Jamboree will strengthen the City of Vaughan's profile and image in the sports network and place the City of Vaughan in more competitive sports circles. However recognizing Council's desire to reduce the 2011 taxation requirement staff is seeking Council direction in providing financial assistance for hosting the tournament in the amount of \$28,600.

Staff is also cognizant that other sports groups have similar tournaments and could come forward with similar requests in the future. Therefore staff will be developing a policy and guidelines to be able to assess future request for financial assistance by community groups.

Attachments

Attachment A - Vaughan Softball Jamboree Championships Budget

Report prepared by:

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