

**COUNCIL BUDGETS TASK FORCE – FEBRUARY 16, 2011**

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Distributed February 16, 2011**

- C1. Extracts (2), both dated February 3, 2009, submitted by the Director of Budgeting and Financial Planning**

*(Item 1)*

**Please note there may be further Communications.**

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 3, 2009

Item 10, Report No. 1, of the Budget Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 3, 2009.

**10      NEW BUSINESS – PARTICIPATION IN PROVINCIAL AND NATIONAL BODIES**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1)      That where the work of a committee of the City of Vaughan includes direct involvement in a provincial or national organization, alliance or association, the committee be provided with funding to allow a member of the committee to attend meetings (or events) of the provincial or national body where appropriate;
- 2)      That, when a meeting is identified as being of importance, the committee, by motion, shall recommend who shall attend, provide information relating to the time and location of the meeting, and the approximate cost to attend, and forward the recommendation for consideration to the appropriate Council body; and
- 3)      That \$10,000 be allocated to the 2009 Council Corporate Budget for this purpose.

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

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Item 9, Report No. 1, of the Budget Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 3, 2009.

**9 COMMUNITY INITIATIVES: BEAUTIFY YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD PROGRAM**

The Budget Committee recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Shefman, dated January 12, 2009, be approved, subject to deleting the phrase "a Regional Councillor" from Clause 3 of the recommendation; and
- 2) That funds be allocated in the 2010 Operating Budget for the program.

**Recommendation**

Councillor Alan Shefman recommends:

1. That an amount of \$17,000 be allotted to the 2009 Operating Budget of the City of Vaughan to support a new program called Community Initiatives: Beautify Your Neighbourhood Program.
2. That this program provides a maximum of \$3000 per ward to community based groups or individuals who submit proposals for projects to enhance and renew public spaces in Vaughan's neighbourhoods and streets. The maximum support for any one project will be \$3000.
3. That applications for projects be reviewed by a Committee composed of the Ward Councillor, a Regional Councillor and a member of staff appointed by the City Manager.
4. That the additional \$2000 allotted in the 2009 budget be utilized to print materials and to provide associated communications.

**Economic Impact**

A total of \$17,000 will be added to the City's Operational Budget for 2009 and in subsequent years. If funds are not allotted in a year, those funds will be made available in subsequent years.

**Communication Plan**

1. A media release will be issued upon approval of the funding and the project
2. A brochure will be prepared and made available both in print and online forms
3. An application form will be prepared.

**Background – Analysis and Options**

The City of Toronto established a program called *Clean and Beautiful City* in the mid 1990's as a means to stimulate community based neighbourhood beautification and cleanup projects. Over the years this program has resulted in a wide variety of small-scale community projects to improve the quality of the urban environment while involving a wide-range of groups and individuals who care about their city. Some examples of successful projects include urban murals, public garden plantings and cleanups of areas where litter accumulates.

This Recommendation reflects the experience of the City of Toronto. It is hoped that the small amount of money involved in the project will have a disproportionate impact on generating community based initiatives and on neighbourhood beautification.

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**Purpose**

1. To involve community-based groups in enhancing the quality of the urban environment in Vaughan
2. To stimulate and support community initiatives

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council specifically to lead and promote environmental sustainability.

**Regional Implications**

None

**Conclusion**

Through the allotment of a small amount of money, the City will be able to stimulate the development of community-based beautification projects and get more residents involved in taking care of their City.

**Attachments**

1. Description of the Community Initiatives: Beautify Your Neighbourhood Program.
2. City of Toronto Neighbourhood Beautification Program Community Projects Initiatives and application form.

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