

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**  
**REPORT NO. 2 OF THE**  
**FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

*For consideration by the Council  
of the City of Vaughan  
on January 20, 2015*

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The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee met at 7:06 p.m. on January 12, 2015.

Present: Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Acting Chair  
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor  
Regional Councillor Michael Di Biase  
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri  
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati  
Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca  
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco  
Councillor Alan Shefman

The following items were dealt with:

**1                                    2015 BUDGET PROCESS COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

**The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:**

- 1)        That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics, and the Director of Corporate Communications, dated January 12, 2015, be approved;**
- 2)        That one of the morning Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meetings be rescheduled to an evening meeting to provide an opportunity for wider community participation in the budget process; and**
- 3)        That the presentation by the Director of Corporate Communications be received.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics, and the Director of Corporate Communications recommend:

- 1.        That this report on the communications plan in support of the 2015 Budget Process be received.**

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**2** **DRAFT 2015 BUDGET AND 2016-2018 PLAN**

This matter was deferred to the January 23, 2015, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting to continue deliberations (see OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE, Item 5.1: DRAFT 2015 BUDGET AND 2016-2018 PLAN).

**3** **USER FEE/SERVICE CHARGE REVIEW & BY-LAW UPDATES**

**The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics, dated January 12, 2015, be approved; and**
- 2) That Communication C1 from Mr. Ben Prosmushkin, dated December 26, 2014, be received.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics, in consultation with City departments, recommends:

1. That the user fee/service charge schedule outlined in Attachment #2 be approved and effective February 1, 2015.
2. That the necessary by-laws be introduced.

**4** **2013 ICE STORM STATUS UPDATE**  
(Referred)

**The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:**

- 1) That the following be approved:**

***Whereas***, the City of Vaughan has submitted an application as part of the Ontario Ice Storm Assistance Program to cover \$10.2M of an estimated \$17.8M in total costs; and

***Whereas***, the Provincial guidelines indicated a 6 to 24 month review period for the said Application; and

***Whereas***, the Provincial guidelines deemed tree canopy replacement costs as a non-eligible part of the Ontario Ice Storm Assistant Program:

***It is therefore recommended that:***

- a) staff draft a communication to the Province requesting an expedited review of the Application in order to minimize the financial pressure associated with the disaster; and
- b) the issue of limitation of the availability of disaster relief not providing for financial assistance to support the enormous costs involved in the replacement of the tree canopies in the municipalities impacted by the 2013 Ice Storm be identified in the communication; and
- c) the communication request the Province to commission a study into their response to the Ice Storm disaster with the goal of making changes in the manner in which future disasters are dealt with; and

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- d) particular emphasis in the study include the speed with which financial assistance is made available to municipalities and the extreme magnitude and complexity of the required process resulting in substantial costs imposed on the subject municipalities; and
  - e) staff draft a communication to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) requesting their assistance in advocating to the Provincial and Federal Governments on the problems related to the municipal disaster relief process.
- 2) **That the report of the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics, dated January 12, 2015, be received;**
  - 3) **That staff bring forward a report to the January 20, 2015, Council meeting, providing a detailed breakdown of the work performed, the length of contract, the cost per hour, labour and equipment for each of the companies where the cleanup cost was in excess of \$400,000;**
  - 4) **That Communication C1, memorandum from the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics and the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, dated January 9, 2015, from the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting of January 12, 2015 (AM), be received; and**
  - 5) **That the deputation by Mr. Kevin Hanit, Queensbridge Drive, Concord, be received.**

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, at its meeting of January 12, 2015 adopted the following recommendation (Item 7, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee Report No. 1):

Recommendation of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting of January 12, 2015:

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:

That this matter together with Communication C1, memorandum from the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics and the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, dated January 9, 2015, and the following motion, be referred to the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting of January 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. for consideration:

That staff bring forward a report to the January 20, 2015, Council meeting, providing a detailed breakdown of the work performed, the length of contract, the cost per hour, labour and equipment for each of the companies where the cleanup cost was in excess of \$400,000.

Report of the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics, dated January 12, 2015

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning & Analytics recommend:

- 1. That the 2013 Ice Storm Status Update report be received.

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OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

5.1 DRAFT 2015 BUDGET AND 2016-2018 PLAN

The following action was taken by the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee:

- 1) The report of the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics, dated January 12, 2015, was deferred to the January 23, 2015, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting to continue deliberations;

- 2) In the course of its review of this matter, Committee approved the following:

That recognizing the community's need for fiscal restraint, over the next few months the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee and City staff shall be directed to work toward a set target not to exceed 3% per annum for the period of 4 years;

That for the Commission based presentations scheduled for later this month, senior staff work with the Interim City Manager to provide specific recommendations to achieve the set target for consideration by the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee;

That recommendations consider all options including revenue generation, service level adjustments, new funding request prioritization, etc. In addition, to assist the Committee in making informal decisions, any recommendations incorporate community, service levels and risk implications;

That the annual savings achieved through the Continuous Improvement Program be reflected in the budget;

- 3) The presentation by the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics and Communication C2, presentation material entitled, "*Draft 2015 Budget and 2016-2018 Financial Plan*", dated January 12, 2015, were received; and

- 4) The following deputations were received:

1. Mr. Kevin Hanit, Queensbridge Drive, Concord;
2. Mr. Savino Quatela, Grand Valley Boulevard; and
3. Ms. Tianna De Lorenzo, Woburn Drive, Woodbridge.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Finance/City Treasurer and the Director of Financial Planning and Analytics, in consultation with the Interim City Manager and the Senior Management Team recommend:

1. That the presentation on the DRAFT 2015 Budget and 2016-18 Plan be received; and
2. That this matter and any comments received be referred to the next Finance, Administration, and Audit Committee to continue deliberations.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate, Acting Chair