

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014**

Item 6, Report No. 9, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 9, 2014, as follows:

***By receiving Communication C15 from the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, dated September 5, 2014.***

**6                    GRANT CONFIRMATION AND RE-DIRECTION OF ASSOCIATED FUNDS**

**The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, dated September 3, 2014:**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer, in consultation with the Senior Management Team, recommend:

1. That the funding for PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting be amended from Transfer from Taxation to Provincial Grant in the amount of \$144,680;
2. That the projects outlined in the report be approved and funded by the residual Capital from Taxation balance and the 2014 Capital budget be amended; and
3. That the inclusion of this matter on a Public Committee or Council agenda with respect to amending the 2014 capital budget to include the Council selected project is deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)(c) of Bylaw 394-2002 as amended.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

Not applicable.

**Economic Impact**

The request to re-direct funds to new or recognized capital projects will have no economic impact. The amount of \$144,680 has been approved from Capital from Taxation in capital project PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting. The approval from Infrastructure Ontario in the application of Municipal Infrastructure Investment Funds to this capital project has freed committed funds from Capital from Taxation; in doing so, the City has an opportunity to invest in other infrastructure projects.

**Communications Plan**

Not Applicable.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to amend funding for PK6265 and approval to fund additional 2014 capital projects.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

In 2008, the City received a Municipal Infrastructure Investment Fund (MIII) Grant award of \$975,410. This Ontario program supported the efforts of communities to restore and revitalize their public infrastructure.

The grant funds were applied toward the Peelar Road Culvert Replacement project (EN-1728-08). The project was complete in December 2013 which came in under budget, resulting in

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\$144,680 of the grant unspent. At the January 20<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee staff received approval from Council to proceed with a request to Infrastructure Ontario to re-direct these funds to capital project PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting. The City has received confirmation from Infrastructure Ontario in early summer that the funds can be re-directed to the aforementioned project, resulting in the City's ability to re-direct funding previously committed from Capital from Taxation in the approved project to new or recognized infrastructure initiatives.

The Senior Management Team (SMT) reviewed capital projects with a dedicated funding source of Transfer from Taxation and applied the below criteria in selecting the projects:

1. Recognized project in 2015
2. Council approved initiative
3. Fully funded from Capital from Taxation
4. Benefits of the project are City-wide

When projects were reviewed, the following projects met the criteria and are recommended by SMT:

BF-8353-15 Splash Pad Automation - \$46,400 - Install Programmable Logic Controllers that can be remotely monitored by Building and Facilities staff at the JOC. Staff will be able to detect from their desk top the operational state of the splash pad equipment and change the operating characteristics remotely. The computerized equipment will save many man hours in unnecessary visits to the sites for minor issues or changing the operations of the equipment at the buildings.

RE-9521-15 Retrofit to Energy-Efficient Lighting at Gallery space at MCC - \$25,800 - A community gallery program is being implemented at Maple Community Centre. The current lighting at the centre is not suitable, nor energy-efficient, and track lighting needs to be installed to properly showcase artwork/displays on the wall. Council, at its April 2011 meeting, approved arts and culture programming at the gallery space at MCC. In order to fully utilize the space in a professional manner and to a higher standard of use, new energy-efficient lighting needs to be installed in the space.

RE-9522-15 Public Display Units for City Hall and MCC - \$57,480 - Public display units for City Hall and MCC. To program city hall main public space and gallery space at MCC with changing public display units for artwork, photography, and cultural displays. These units are custom built wall panels with build in lighting on walls. They will enable arts and cultural programming in public spaces. (The recognized capital project was for \$67,000 but was reduced to secure the funding.)

Council Approved Initiative – Dynamic Digital Signs at City Facilities - \$15,000 – Council approved the initiative for the installation of 10 monument digital signs at City locations. These signs are to be built and maintained by RCC. Costs for the electrical works associated with making these operational equate to \$15,000 are not included in the negotiated costs with RCC. As such, it would be requested that a portion of the re-direct funds be allocated to cover these costs; this would permit this initiative to proceed.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020 / Strategic Plan**

Not applicable.

#### **Regional Implications**

Not applicable.

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**Conclusion**

With the confirmation from Infrastructure Ontario that the MIII grant funding can be re-directed to capital project PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting, this project's funding sources can be amended, resulting in \$144,680 in Capital from Taxation being freed up for re-direction to new or recognized infrastructure initiatives. After a review SMT has recommended the enclosed capital projects.

**Attachments**

Not Applicable.

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