

CITY OF VAUGHAN
REPORT NO. 11 OF THE
FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

*For consideration by the Council
of the City of Vaughan
on November 21, 2017*

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee met at 7:02 p.m., on November 6, 2017.

Present: Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca, Chair
Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, Mayor
Regional Councillor Mario Ferri
Regional Councillor Gino Rosati
Regional Councillor Sunder Singh
Councillor Marilyn Iafrate
Councillor Tony Carella
Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco
Councillor Alan Shefman

The following items were dealt with:

1 DRAFT 2018 BUDGET AND 2019-2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:

- 1) That the Council (Budget Meeting) scheduled for Monday December 11, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. be rescheduled to a date in January 2018; and**
- 2) That the Region of York be requested to make a presentation to the City of Vaughan on the 2018 Regional Budget prior to its approval.**

Further consideration of the Draft 2018 Budget and 2019-2022 Financial Plan was deferred to the November 13, 2017, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting to continue deliberations (see 2. OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE, Item 2.1: DRAFT 2018 BUDGET AND 2019-2022 FINANCIAL PLAN).

2 OPEN TO YOU(TH): A PROPOSED PILOT PROJECT

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:

- 1) That consideration of this matter be referred to staff to report back through the 2018 budget process.**

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Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Alan Shefman and Councillor Tony Carella

Whereas, a variety of concerns have been expressed by Vaughan residents regarding young people "hanging out" in parks in the evening, especially during the summer months, and

Whereas, the City is committed through *Active Together*, its recreational master plan, to provide a range of recreational opportunities for young people, and

Whereas, studies have shown that young people---generally between the ages of 15 to 25, are looking for opportunities to organize and take part in informal recreational activities of their own choosing, such as pick-up basketball, ball hockey, etc., and

Whereas, there are limited opportunities and fewer places for young people to engage in such activities on late summer evenings in the City of Vaughan, and

Whereas, it is recognized that youth engagement is an important component in assisting young people in finding a productive lifestyle,

Therefore, be it resolved:

That staff undertake a pilot project to address this issue, making use of appropriate space at the Dufferin Clark and Al Palladini Community Centres, during the 2018 calendar year summer months, between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and midnight.

That the cost for this pilot project be added as an ARR to be considered during the 2018 budget deliberations, and

That a detailed evaluation and assessment mechanism be included in the implementation plan, and

That staff report back to Council on the outcome of the pilot project at such a time as to permit consideration of the outcome of the project and, if appropriate, its extension to other centres during the 2019 calendar year, should such extension be approved as part of the 2019 budgetary process.

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OTHER MATTERS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

3.1 DRAFT 2018 BUDGET AND 2019-2022 FINANCIAL PLAN

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

- 1) The recommendation contained in the following report of the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer, the Director of Financial Planning & Development Finance and Deputy City Treasurer, and the Director of Financial Services and Deputy City Treasurer, dated November 6, 2017, was referred to the November 13, 2017, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting to continue deliberations;**
- 2) The following was approved in accordance with Communication C1, from the Deputy City Manager of Public Works, the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer, and the Director of Environmental Services, dated November 2, 2017 and referred to the November 13, 2017, Finance, Administration and Audit Committee meeting to continue deliberations:**

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1. That the recommended Draft 2018 Budget be updated to include both the capital and operating impacts of the Smart Water Meter Project as outlined in this communication;
 2. That upon further investigation into the merits of internal or external borrowing for the project, that the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer be delegated the authority to finance the project with the method that minimizes financial risk and interest costs and maximizes value for money; and
 3. That staff be directed to pursue a partnership with Alectra to implement an Advanced Metering Infrastructure solution;
- 3) The presentation by the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer and Communication C2, presentation material titled "Draft 2018 Budget and 2019-2022 Financial Plan", dated November 6, 2017, was received; and
- 4) The following deputations were received:
1. Mr. Kevin Hanit, Queensbridge Drive, Concord;
 2. Mr. Adriano Volpentesta, America Avenue, Vaughan; and
 3. Mr. Richard Lorello, Treelawn Boulevard, Kleinburg.

Recommendation

The Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer, the Director of Financial Planning & Development Finance and Deputy City Treasurer, and the Director of Financial Services and Deputy City Treasurer, in consultation with the City Manager and the Senior Management Team recommend:

1. That the presentation on the DRAFT 2018 Budget and 2019 - 2022 Financial Plan (the "2018 Budget Book") be received;
2. That Council approve the 2018 tax supported operating budget with budgeted operating gross expenditures of \$296.8 million and budgeted revenues of \$296.8 million;
3. That Council approve the 2018 water, wastewater rate and stormwater charge supported operating budget (collectively the "Rate Budgets") with budgeted operating gross expenditures of \$161.3 million and budgeted revenues of \$161.3 million;
4. That the list of 2018 capital projects, together with their total costs in the amount of \$121.2 million, summarized in Volumes 1 and 2 and detailed in Volume 3 of the Draft 2018 Budget and 2019 - 2022 Financial Plan, be approved subject to annual capital funding;
5. That the list of 2019 - 2022 capital projects together with their total costs, outlined in Volume 3 of the Draft 2018 Budget and 2019 - 2022 Financial Plan, be recognized;
6. That the draft 2018 operating and capital spending authority be approved and the 2019-2022 plan be recognized as outlined in the 2018 Budget Book Volume 1, 2 and 3.
7. That the City Clerk and/or CFO & City Treasurer be authorized to apply for grants and to execute required documents including but not limited to funding agreements, should grants be made available related to initiatives within the approved or recognized budget.

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8. That for user fees and service charges:
- a. The schedules outlined in Volume 3 of the 2018 Budget Book be approved;
 - b. That the necessary by-laws be passed with effective dates of January 1, 2018;
 - c. That should the indexing of the user fees and service charges not be prescribed in the respective by-law and a budget not be passed by January 1st in a given year, the Treasurer be authorized to apply a 3 per cent fee/charge increase for economic adjustment, on January 1st of each year in 2019 and years after; and
 - d. That the Treasurer be authorized to revise Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) applicability for user fees and service charges as required by legislation.
9. That this matter and any comments received be referred to the next Finance, Administration and Audit Committee to continue deliberations.

3.2 RECONSIDERATION

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee passed a motion to reconsider Item 1, DRAFT 2018 BUDGET AND 2019-2022 FINANCIAL PLAN.

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The meeting adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca, Chair