

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

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Item 6, Finance Report No. 9 – Page 2

\$144,680 of the grant unspent. At the January 20th 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.

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 9, 2014

Item 6, Finance Report No. 9 – Page 3

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.

Report prepared by:

Jackie Lee Macchiusi, CGA, CPA,
Sr. Manager Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis, x8267



| | |
|--------------------------|---------|
| C | 15 |
| Item # | 6 |
| Report No. | 9 (FAA) |
| Council - September 9/14 | |

DATE: SEPTEMBER 5, 2014

TO: HONOURABLE MAYOR & MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

FROM: JOHN HENRY, COMMISSIONER OF FINANCE & CITY TREASURER

RE: COMMUNICATION – FINANCE ADMINISTRATION AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
ITEM NO. 6 – GRANT CONFIRMATION AND REDIRECTION OF
ASSOCIATED FUNDS

On September 3, 2014 staff provided the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee with a report recommending the redistribution of available funds resulting from the Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) grant process.

During this Committee meeting, discussion occurred regarding the possibility of utilizing these funds to advance a second dog park within the City of Vaughan. To assist Council in deliberations, information regarding the capital project, the current status of the project in relation to the City's financial plan, and the February 18, 2014 motion are included within this communication.

2014 -2017 Budget and Plan

As part of the financial planning process many additional resource requests are brought forward by departments. Prioritizing these requests is very challenging and tough choices were required to balance "maintaining services", "City Building Initiatives", and "Keeping Tax Rates Low". As a result of this process, PK-6302-18 Off Leash Free Dog Park Design and Construction (Attachment #1) was prioritized for consideration in the year 2018, which is outside the 2014 budget and 2015-2017 plan. It should be noted that projects planned for 2015-2017 are recognized and subject to further budget deliberation.

Second Dog Park Motion

On February 18, 2014 during the Special Council meeting held to approve the 2014 Budget and 2015 -2017 plan, Regional Councillor Schulte brought forward the following motion as new business, which was adopted.

"That providing the application with respect to Capital Project No. PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park – Senior Soccer Field Lighting is successful for Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MII) funding, any balance remaining in capital from taxation for this project be considered for allocation in favour of a second dog park in the City of Vaughan at a location to be determined west of Highway 400."

A copy of the motion is provided as Attachment #2.

Staff's Recommendation Regarding Available Funds

The Senior Management Team (SMT) reviewed capital projects and applied the criteria below in selecting projects:

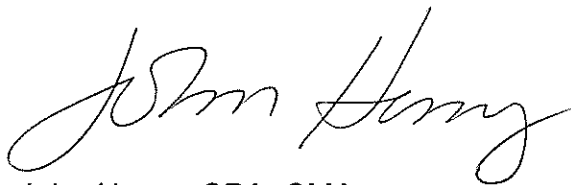
1. Recognized project in 2015
2. Council approved initiative
3. Fully funded from Capital from Taxation
4. Benefits of the project are City-wide

As part of the above process, Capital project PK-6302-18 was considered but was not recommended due to its prioritized position outside the City's four-year plan and therefore not meeting the selection criteria. It should be noted that Staff's recommendation is provided for Council consideration which can be changed should Council feel other projects are preferred.

Attachments

Attachment #1 - PK-6302-18 Off Leash Free Dog Park Design and Construction
Attachment #2 – Extract from Special Council Meeting – Feb18, 2014

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Henry", with a stylized, cursive script.

John Henry, CPA, CMA
Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Item 2, Report No. 3, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Special Council of the City of Vaughan on February 18, 2014.

2

NEW BUSINESS – SECOND DOG PARK

The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends:

- 1) That providing the application with respect to Capital Project No.PK-6265-14 Maple Reservoir Park-Senior Soccer Field Lighting is successful for Municipal Infrastructure Investment Initiative (MIII) funding, any balance remaining in capital taxation for this project be considered for allocation in favour of a second dog park in the City of Vaughan at a location to be determined west of Highway 400.**

The foregoing was brought to the attention of the Committee by Regional Councillor Schulte.



Project Summary

| | | | |
|---|----------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|
| Project Number: PK-6302-18 Project Title: Off Leash Free Dog Park-Design and Construction Asset Type: PKS004 Parks Facilities Department: Parks Development Budget Year: 2015 Scenario Name: Main Project Stage: Concept Regions: City-Wide Project Type: New Infrastructure Approval Year: 2018 Scenario Active: Yes TCA: Yes | | | |
| Project Description Leash free dog park design and construction. Approved at Council May 4, 2010. Capital funding was requested in 2011. Project to include fencing, benches and signage. Location to convert open space land in the public domain located west of highway#400. The opening of this second off leash area is in accordance with the City's "Active Together" Master Plan. Location to be determined. | | | |
| Scenario Description | | | |
| Project Forecast | | | |
| Budget Year | Total Expense | Total Revenue | Difference |
| 2015 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2018 | 136,500 | 136,500 | 0 |
| 2019 & Beyond | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | 136,500 | 136,500 | 0 |
| Related Projects | | | |
| Operating Budget Impact | | | |
| Budget Year | FTE Impact | Total Expense | Total Revenue |
| 2015 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2016 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2017 | 0.0 | 11,300 | 0 |
| 2018 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| 2019 & Beyond | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| ARR: | | | |
| Project Sponsor | | | |
| Year Identified | | | |
| 2011 | Start Date | Project Owner | Completion Date |
| | Mar 1, 2018 | Martin Tavares/Melanie Morris | Oct 30, 2019 |

GRANT CONFIRMATION AND RE-DIRECTION OF ASSOCIATED FUNDS**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 \$144,680 of the grant unspent. At the January 20th 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.

Conclusion

With the confirmation from Infrastructure Ontario that the MII 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.

Report prepared by:

Jackie Lee Macchiusi, CGA, CPA,
Sr. Manager Corporate Financial Planning & Analysis, x8267

Respectfully submitted,

John Henry, CMA, CPA
Commissioner of Finance & City Treasurer