

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 10, 2001

PURCHASE OF FITNESS EQUIPMENT – WEST WOODBRIDGE AND WEST VAUGHAN COMMUNITY CENTRES

Recommendation

The Director of Recreation and Culture in consultation with the Director of Purchasing recommends:

That notwithstanding the City of Vaughan's Purchasing Policy, Council approves the single source award of fitness equipment to Advantage Fitness in the amount of \$159,790.00 for the West Woodbridge Community Centre and \$73,000.00 for the West Vaughan Community Centre.

Background

The City of Vaughan has recently expanded the West Woodbridge Community Centre to include a new fitness centre as well as expanded the existing fitness centre at the West Vaughan Community Centre. In order to provide both centres with equipment that is reliable and contemporary, staff researched a number of options and determined that LifeFitness equipment best suits the City's requirements.

Advantage Fitness is the exclusive distributor of the LifeFitness brand of equipment in Canada. The exclusivity of suppliers is standard procedure in the fitness industry in Canada and is not exclusive to Advantage Fitness.

LifeFitness equipment has been used to replace approximately 15 outdated pieces of equipment at other City fitness centres over the past three years. Members have indicated a high level of satisfaction with the variety of cardio and weight training equipment and have consistently commented on the ease of use and durability.

LifeFitness has produced reliable, user-friendly fitness equipment since 1968. Uniform and identifiable selection of equipment will enhance the experience for new members at both centres as well as being aesthetically pleasing.

Further, Advantage Fitness has been under contract to the City of Vaughan since 1998, providing preventative maintenance on all of the City's fitness equipment. Staff has found the company to be reliable, responsive and knowledgeable.

Funding for this equipment is 90% development charges and has been approved in the capital budgets established for these two projects.

West Woodbridge Community Centre Project # 7878-1-01- \$159,790.00
West Vaughan Community Centre Project # 7874-1-00- \$73,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Epstein
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