

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 1, 2001

WOODBIDGE AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services requests direction on this item.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring forward the request for funding by the Woodbridge Agricultural Society to assist in the costs of operating the Woodbridge Fair.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Woodbridge Agricultural Society operates the annual Woodbridge Fair on Thanksgiving Weekend. The City of Vaughan supports the Fair through the provision of services in kind in the form of garbage cans (50), picnic tables (50), 2500 feet of snow fencing at no charge. The City also provides a generator and PA System at a minimal fee of \$40. In addition the City maintains the site, cutting the grass once a month, at no charge to the Society. The Society has also requested that the City rent 19 portable washrooms and 8 wash stands at a cost of \$1890.00. The City will make the arrangements for the washrooms, but does not provide them as a free service in kind.

There are several community events each year that require portable toilets including the Woodbridge Italian Festival, Bindertwine, Maplefest and numerous soccer and baseball tournaments. The respective groups pay for these toilets.

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan supports the Fair in much the same manner as other events operated by Community Service Organizations. The request to pay for the rental of the toilets would be beyond the usual level of service.

Attachments

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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