

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 6, 2002

VAUGHAN GROVE SPORTS PARK – CHANGE IN LICENSE FOR HISTORIC HOUSE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Legal Services recommends:

That the City of Vaughan support the change in use of the former Tushingham House to a Centre For Children With Autism; and

That a License between the City of Vaughan and the Shining Through Centre for Children With Autism is hereby approved in accordance with the land lease between the City and the Ontario realty Corporation; and that a bylaw be enacted and authorize its execution.

That the License between the City of Vaughan and the Canadian Seniors Development Corp. be terminated.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that the Shining Through Centre For Autism wishes to proceed with the License as soon as possible in order to facilitate their use of the house.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council on January 28th received the attached report regarding a proposal by the Shining Through Centre for Children With Autism to use the former Tushingham house as their Centre. A further report was requested. This was in response to issues regarding the suitability of the house as a Centre For Children with Autism, and the associated renovation costs. The proponents for the Centre have reached an agreement with Rossbro Developments, the owners of the building, and are now ready to proceed with the necessary renovations. Both parties are satisfied with the arrangement.

In order for this project to proceed, it is necessary for the City to enter into a license agreement with Shining Through for the use of the lands; and to terminate the existing agreement with the Canadian Seniors Development Corp.

Conclusion

Staff support the change in use of the former Tushingham House, as the Centre for Children With Autism will serve an identified need in the community.

Attachments

Council Extract of January 28, 2002

Report prepared by:

G. Doris Haas
Commissioner, Community Services

Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner, Community Services

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EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 23, 2002

Item 18 Report No. 5, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 28, 2002, as follows:

By approving the following recommendation contained in the additional report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated January 28, 2002:

"That this report be received for information and a further report will be provided at a later date."

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The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated January 21, 2002, be approved:
- 2) That the deputation and written submission of Mr. Fred J. Santos, Shining Through, Centre for Children with Autism, 543 Timothy Street, Newmarket, L3Y 1R1, be received; and
- 3) That the following written submissions be received:
 - a) Mr. Paul Rossetto, Rossetto Developments Inc., 7577 Keele Street, Concord, L4K 4K3, dated January 18, 2002; and
 - b) Mr. Palmacchio Di Julio, Villa Charities, 901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto, M6A 1G3, dated January 21, 2002.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Legal Services recommends:

That the City of Vaughan support the request by Shining Through Centre For Children With Autism for the use of the Tushingham historic house for the provision of their services; and

That staff provide a report to Council on January 28th outlining the specific requirements with respect to changes required to the License Agreement between the City of Vaughan and the Canadian Seniors Development Corporation and other actions which may be required.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Committee of the Whole with information regarding the request by the Shining Through Centre For Children With Autism for the use of the Tushingham Historic House for their purposes.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Shining Through Centre For Children With Autism is in need of a location to serve their clients in Vaughan and York Region. They have been in discussions with Mr. Paul Rossetto of the Canadian Seniors Development Corporation. His company owns the Tushingham Historic House which is situated on lands on the east side of Martingrove Road, south of Highway 7, shown on Attachment 2. The lands are leased by the City from the Ontario Realty Corporation for Vaughan Grove Sports Park. When the Villa Giardino development was approved, the "Tushingham" house was moved to its present site to be preserved and used for community use.

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namely a seniors centre. The main floor of the house was renovated for use as a Sales Centre however additional renovations will be required to convert the house into a community facility. The City has a License Agreement with the Canadian Seniors Development Corporation for the use of the lands containing the house and a 26 car parking lot around it.

The Shining Through Centre have been negotiating with Mr. Rossetto with a view to purchase the house; however, that would require the City terminating the agreement with Canadian Seniors Development Corporation and entering into a new agreement with Shining Through.

Staff has recently met with the Shining Through representatives as well as Mr. Rossetto, however there has been insufficient time to review all aspects of this proposal such as zoning, building permit requirements, DRC approval, and other considerations. A report will be brought to Council.

An information sheet regarding the Centre is attached as Appendix 1.

Conclusion

Although the proposed use of the Tushingham house by Shining Through Centre for Children With Autism does not fit with the original intent for a seniors centre, it is a non-profit charitable community service agency that would serve a community need and is appropriate in that setting.

Attachments

1. Shining Through Centre For Children With Autism Information Sheet.
2. Location Map.

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

