

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 21, 2002

POLICE COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Gino Rosati recommends:

1. That the City of Vaughan endorse the establishment of a Police Community Liaison Committee;
2. That the Membership be as follows:
 - a) Police Superintendent Bruce Herridge or other Officers are appointed;
 - b) All Members of Council;
 - c) All Ratepayers Presidents or Alternates within Vaughan;
 - d) Vaughan School Trustees Separate/Public Board;
 - e) That Superintendent Bruce Herridge be the Chair of the Committee or as he may designate.

That the City allocate an amount of \$5,000. in the 2003 budget to cover incidental and communication expenses.

Purpose

To provide a citywide committee to identify problems particularly related to traffic issues and working with the Police in addressing problems and provide information to the community.

Background/Analysis

Over a year ago a small committee was created with the then Superintendent John Girvan where Councillor Rosati is a member together with community and school representatives. In a recent discussion with the Superintendent Bruce Herridge it was suggested that the committee be expanded as recommended and such would be in keeping with the community policing approach and is sanctioned by the Chief of Police.

The committee would play a significant role in providing information and feedback . Committee members could also work as volunteers in assisting with communication and information to residents when requested. The area of Vaughan (Thornhill) that is under the jurisdiction of the Richmond Hill Station District 2 could be served by a similar committee or alternatively community requests would be related to that station through our committee.

Conclusion

The committee would go a long way toward fostering community policing and communication. It is therefore recommended that this proposal be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

Gino Rosati,
Regional Councillor