

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 16, 2003**

### **PROJECTS SUBMITTED FOR ONTARIO SUPERBUILD FUNDING**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services recommends:

That the following be received for information.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with information identifying the projects submitted for Ontario SuperBuild funding.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

At the Council meeting of May 12, 2003, Council requested that staff provide a report identifying the City of Vaughan projects submitted for Ontario SuperBuild funding.

On February 2001, staff submitted a Letter of Intent to the SuperBuild Corporation Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships Initiative (SCTP) in order to obtain government funding to supplement the projects in Thornhill Park that were given 2001 Capital Budget approval. These projects are the construction of a new clubhouse, renovations to the pool changerooms, and the paving of the parking lot.

The purpose of this initiative was to “renew, enhance and improve municipally owned or endorsed local sport, recreation, cultural and tourism facilities”. Round 1 had two application options: Option 1 was the Public Health and Infrastructure projects and Option 2 was the New, Expansion and Renovation projects. Staff advised Council that the City could not apply for the “New, Expansion and Renovation projects” unless the City could confirm there were no outstanding “Public Health and Infrastructure projects. SuperBuild staff stated that the main focus for Round 1 was “health and safety projects”, and that a “partner” was very important in this process. The terms of the initiative stated that only one project per municipality could be submitted per round and that there would be opportunities to submit applications for funding for other projects in future “rounds”.

Given the tight timelines for an application, and the focus on health and safety, along with the items approved in the 2001 Capital Budget, the Thornhill Tennis Club House and the Outdoor Pool renovations were deemed to be the City’s best option for this round. In addition the Thornhill Tennis club confirmed that they would partner with the City and contribute \$25,000.

#### **Conclusion**

Staff would like to advise that Ontario SuperBuild has been contacted on many occasions since February 12, 2001. Staff was advised in February 2003, that the Ontario Government was currently looking at the feasibility and priorities that may apply to Round 2, however still no decisions have been made at this point.

Once information concerning Round 2 has been issued by the Ontario Government, then staff will bring a report to Council providing a comprehensive list of potential projects.

**Attachments**

None

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