

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AUGUST 18, 2003

SANTAFEST PARADE IN MAPLE

Recommendation

Councillor Ferri recommends:

That Vaughan Council request the Region of York to permit the following temporary road closure for a Santafest parade on Sunday, November 23, 2003 between the hours of 1:30p.m. and 3:30 p.m along Major Mackenzie Drive between Hwy 400 to the Vaughan Civic Centre;

That City staff be authorized to provide various services for this event, as well as any appropriate measures, such as temporary event related parking restrictions and similar actions subsequent to detailed event planning; and

That York Region Transit be requested to provide three (3) buses for the purpose of transporting event participants between Canada's Wonderland and the Vaughan Civic Centre.

Purpose

To facilitate the community's request for road closure support of the Maple Santa Claus parade in Maple.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Santafest Committee, comprised of several community groups, clubs, organizations, businesses and City staff, wish to hold its fourth annual Santafest Parade featuring, the ever popular, Santa Claus. The desired parade route would originate at Canada's Wonderland and proceed east along Major Mackenzie Drive to the Vaughan Civic Centre.

Major Mackenzie Drive is under the jurisdiction of the Region of York, accordingly, it will be necessary to obtain Regional approval and any required permits for this event.

The actual parade is predicted to last approximately one hour from start to finish. However, it is suggested that the parade route be closed to through movement, non-event related traffic between 1:30p.m. and 3:30 p.m on the event day. This would assist in orderly spectator arrival and departure along the parade route. Appropriate road detours to facilitate through traffic movement can be arranged and decided upon in upcoming liaison with the appropriate Regional staff.

City staff from various appropriate municipal departments will also be involved in activities such as the procurement of Regional Police assistance, media notification, detour signing and barricade provisions and any other similar requested assistance.

Conclusion

Council's support through its request to the Region of York will ensure a safe and successful parade event. Attachments
None

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Respectfully submitted,

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