

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 15, 2003**

### **VAUGHAN BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION APPLICATION FOR ONE TIME START UP GRANT**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services respectfully requests direction on this item.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council direction on the request for a one-time start up grant of \$1,000 by the Vaughan Basketball Association to defray start-up associated with the first year of operation.

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

Mr. Luigi Tucci, Executive Director of Vaughan Basketball Association has requested a one-time start up grant of \$1,000 to enable this organization to defray the initiation costs with their first year of operation.

The Vaughan Basketball Association is a non-profit sports organization that has recently received a license from the Ontario Basketball Association to establish a Boys Major Bantam rep basketball team in the boundaries of City of Vaughan. This association is currently submitting an application to the Recreation and Culture Department in order to receive Community Service Organization status.

A notice will be distributed in elementary schools on September 12, 2003 and try-outs for this team will commence in the last week of September. In the following month, the association will be participating in the Ontario Basketball Association league play. The major bantam rep team will be playing approximately 20-30 games against other club teams from other areas including exhibition games and tournaments.

#### **Conclusion**

Staff is requesting Council direction regarding the request from the Vaughan Basketball Association.

#### **Attachments**

1. Letter dated September 12, 2003 from Luigi Tucci, Executive Director of Vaughan Basketball Association

#### **Report prepared by:**

G. Doris Haas  
Commissioner, Community Services

Respectfully submitted,

G. Doris Haas  
Commissioner, Community Services



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September 12, 2003

Ms. G. Doris Haas  
Commissioner Community Services  
City of Vaughan  
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Dear Ms. Doris Haas,

**Re: Application for a One-Time Start-Up Grant**

The Vaughan Basketball Association, a non-profit sports organization, has recently received a license from the Ontario Basketball Association to establish a Boys Major Bantam rep. basketball team in the political boundaries of the City of Vaughan. Major Bantam is defined as a person born in 1990 or 1991. We are in the process of submitting to your department an application for recognition as a Community Sports Organization. A notice for try-outs will be distributed in all elementary schools in the City of Vaughan on September 15, 2003. The try-outs will be held on the last week of September and we will be participating in the Ontario Basketball Association's league play the following month. The Major Bantam Rep. team will play approximately 20-30 games against other club teams from other jurisdictions, including exhibition games and tournaments.

As a nascent organization, we face numerous responsibilities and onerous financial challenges. At this time we are actively seeking a sponsor for our first team. However time is running short and corporations are hesitant to fund an 'unknown' entity. The first year's operating costs will be fully borne by the players, unless we are able to find a financial sponsor soon.

Given these circumstances, the Vaughan Basketball Association formally requests Council of the City of Vaughan for a one-time start-up grant of \$1,000.00 (one thousand) dollars to enable our organization to defray the initiation costs normally associated with the first year of operation in order to ensure its future as a non-profit ongoing organization.

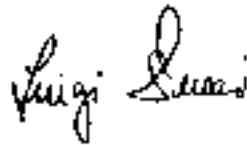
We further request that this application be forwarded to City Council for deliberation at it next Council Committee meeting to be held on Monday, September 15, 2003

We attach to this application a print copy of our Power Point presentation in order to provide you with further information of our organization's objectives and goals.

If you require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at 416-410-7850 or Curtis Weekes at 416-805-8660 or by email: [vaughanbasketball@ropers.com](mailto:vaughanbasketball@ropers.com)

Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated

Yours truly,



Luigi Tucci  
Executive Director