

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - FEBRUARY 17, 2003**

**WOODBIDGE SOCCER CLUB MEMORIAL SITES – CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**Recommendation**

Mayor Michael Di Biase recommends:

That staff work in co-operation with the Woodbridge Soccer Club Memorial Committee to establish the two memorial sites at Rainbow Creek and Vaughan Grove Sports Complex.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council support for the use of staff resources to develop two memorial sites.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

A request has been received by Marcello Reda, President of Woodbridge Soccer Club for participation from the City of Vaughan in the development of two memorials for the late Mr. Sam Rietta and the late Mr. Luca J. Cioffi. The proposed sites are Rainbow Creek Park and Vaughan Sports Park.

The Mayor has been requested to act as “Honorary Chair” and will support this project in that role.

**Conclusion**

That Council support for the use of staff resources to develop two memorial sites.

**Attachments**

1. Letter from Woodbridge Soccer Club President

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Di Biase  
Mayor



# WOODBRIDGE SOCCER CLUB



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February 6, 2003

His Worship Michael Di Biase  
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Your Worship Michael Di Biase:

The Woodbridge Soccer Club would like to ask your Worship to be our Woodbridge Soccer Club Memorial Committee Honourary Chair for the purpose of honouring our late co-founder, Mr. Sam Rietta, and Mr. Luca J. Cioffi, one of our most respected and talented athletes who recently passed away.

As you know, Mr. Rietta has been involved with our Club for many years and enjoyed many successes. His commitment and dedication to soccer has been one of the primary reasons why the Woodbridge Soccer Club has been voted the best Soccer Club in Canada.

Mr. Cioffi was a young and talented athlete who also accomplished a great deal in our Club. He was part of our U-13 Ontario Cup winners in the 2001 season, and was an inspirational leader on and off the field.

The Woodbridge Soccer Club Board of Directors strongly believe that we must honour both of these men who have had endless love and passion for the game of soccer.

The Committee wishes to erect two separate memorials honouring Mr. Rietta at Rainbow Creek, and Mr. Cioffi at Vaughan Grove. A fundraising event will be undertaken to raise the funds to build and erect the two memorials by May of this year.

Your participation as our Honourary Chair and your support to have staff assist the Committee in identifying a location for the two memorials would be appreciated.

Our first meeting of the Committee will take place on **Monday February 24 at 7 p.m.** the Woodbridge Soccer Club House.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Yours truly,

Marcello Reda

Copy to: Woodbridge Soccer Club Board of Directors  
Memorial Committee Members