

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION)    MARCH 9, 2004**

**PINE VALLEY SURPLUS LANDS**

(Referred from the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 1, 2004)

The Committee of the Whole at its meeting of March 1, 2004 recommended:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole (Working Session) meeting of March 9, 2004; and
- 2) That the following deputations and written submission be received:
  - a) Mr. Paul De Buono, P.O. Box 5126, Vaughan, L6A 1R6, and written submission dated March 1, 2004; and
  - b) Mr. Joe Bartoli, Vice-President, Woodbridge Soccer Club.

(Referred from the Council Meeting of February 23, 2004)

Council, at its meeting of February 23, 2004, adopted the following:

- 1) That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 1, 2004 for a staff report providing a cost analysis on the construction of mini soccer fields and artificial soccer fields; and
- 2) That the written submission from Mr. Paul De Buono, Vaughan Watch, P.O. Box 5126, Vaughan, L6A 1R6, dated February 22, 2004, be received.

**Recommendation of the Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) dated February 23, 2004**

The Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) recommends:

- 1) That a portion of the monies received from the sale of the lands at the south east corner of Pine Valley Drive and Highway 407 be allocated to construct an artificial soccer field; and
- 2) That the balance of the monies be deposited in the City Hall Reserve Fund; and
- 3) That the verbal report of the Mayor be received.

**Attachments**

Attachment #1 – Letter from Paul De Buono, dated March 1, 2004.

*This matter was brought to the attention of Committee of the Whole (Closed Session) by Mayor Di Biase.*

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ATTACHMENT #1

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Committee of the Whole  
c/o John Leach, City Clerk  
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Re: **Committee of the Whole - March 1, 2004**  
**Agenda Item #22 - Pine Valley Surplus Lands**

Dear Committee of the Whole:

This Item recommends allocating a substantial amount of money for an artificial soccer field, understood to be at Vaughan Grove Park. An artificial soccer field is estimated to cost well over \$600,000.

No Report accompanies this recommendation. There is no justification for its allocation. There is no mention of a Budget process.

Vaughan Grove Park does not merit a high priority for an artificial soccer field. There are already at least two full-size artificial fields, one of which is indoor, at the nearby Ontario Soccer Centre, which rents its facilities to Vaughan residents.

Also, Vaughan Grove Park is in an extreme southwest corner of the City of Vaughan, within an industrial-commercial zone. If an artificial soccer field is ever deemed proper by the City for the community of Woodbridge, then the Woodbridge Expansion Area (where a District Park will be developed) presents a more prudent area for the expenditure of such tax dollars.

It is therefore not fiscally prudent as a Committee of the Whole to support this recommendation.

Sincerely,

[Original Signed]

Paul De Buono  
Vaughan Watch