

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 3, 2004**

### **PROCLAMATION OF NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Engineering and Public Works recommends that:

1. May 16 – 22, 2004, be proclaimed “Public Works Week” in the City of Vaughan;
2. The City’s Public Works Department participate annually in the York Municipalities Public Works Challenge; and,
3. Approximately \$375.00 be approved for the purpose of covering the costs related to entering into the 2004 York Region Public Works Challenge.

#### **Purpose**

To proclaim “Public Works Week”, and seek approval for the expenditure related to the events surrounding this week.

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

Each year, the American Public Works Association (APWA) and the Canadian Public Works Association (CPWA), designate one week in May to recognize the efforts and contributions that Public Works employees across North America make to their communities and the lives of those people living in those communities. Public Works infrastructures, facilities and services are of vital importance to the health, safety, and well-being of the people of Vaughan. Public Works professionals, administrators and employees provide a vast array of services, and are responsible for the design, building, maintenance and operation of the City’s transportation, water, sewage, and solid waste management systems. The services provided by Engineering and Public Works staff affect residents’ lives everyday, from the roads they drive on, to the water they drink, to the waste they put out for collection. In order to recognize the efforts of the employees responsible, it is appropriate for Council to proclaim May 16-22, 2004, as “Public Works Week”.

For the past number of years, staff of the various Public Works departments within York Region have participated in a challenge, highlighting their skills and expertise. Events have included tapping water mains and installing connections, loader and backhoe operation, plough truck obstacle courses, and safety related challenges. This year’s challenge will take place on Wednesday, May 19th, at the Town of Richmond Hills’ Richmond Green Sports Complex, 1300 Elgin Mills Road East. The cost for the City to enter the challenge is \$375, and covers the cost of T-shirts for all competitors, posters, prizes, and promotional items for Mayors and the press attending the event. Similar to previous years, a special driving competition for the Region’s Mayors has also been arranged. It is recommended that the City’s Public Works Department be formally approved to participate in this annual event.

In order to promote the services that Public Works provides to the public, a small photo display will be set up in the foyer of the Civic Center showing some of the functions and activities performed by the City’s Public Works Department.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council; however, the necessary resources have yet to be allocated and approved.

**Conclusion**

In order to recognize the contribution of the work performed by the City's Engineering and Public Works Departments' employees, it is appropriate to proclaim May 16-22 as "Public Works Week", and that staff participate in the annual York Region Public Works Challenge.

**Attachments**

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