

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 21, 2004**

### **PROGRAMME AGREEMENT-REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK & FAMILY DAYCARE SERVICES**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture, and the Legal Service Department recommend:

1. That the City of Vaughan enter into an agreement with Family Day Care Services for the provision of services to meet the requirements of the National Child Benefit-Early Years Program and the Ontario Early Years Centers Community Plan for York Region, and an amending agreement with the Region of York to facilitate the program; and,
2. That a by-law be enacted to authorize the execution of said agreements.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide recreational opportunities at no cost to non-traditional users of preschool programs ages 0 to 6 years old.

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

The City of Vaughan is being funded through the Region of York and Family Daycare Services to operate the Lunch Bunch program at the Maple Community Centre from January 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2004. This represents the fourth year of funding for this program. The Lunch Bunch program offers parents/caregivers and their children a supportive play environment three times per week free of charge. The program averages 35 visitors per day and attracts non-traditional users of pre-school programs. The program operates at no direct cost to the City of Vaughan and the total funding level proposed in the agreements is \$14,112.00.

In the second agreement, the City of Vaughan operates a Kindergym program at Dufferin Clark Community Centre and the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre funded by the Region. These programs are being offered at no charge to the community. This is a drop in program that attracts non-traditional users of preschool services. The program operates at not cost to the City of Vaughan. The funding for Dufferin Clark is \$8,519.50, and for Garnet A. Williams Centre is \$2,265.00, for a total of \$10,784.50.

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

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

#### **Conclusion**

The City of Vaughan receives funding from Family Day Care Services through the Region of York to operate the Lunch Bunch program at Maple Community Centre and the Kindergym programs at Garnet A. Williams and Dufferin Clark Community Centres. The City of Vaughan would like to enter into agreements with Family Day Care Services to deliver preschool programs in the community.

These initiatives are important to families in Vaughan who are unable to afford programs in their community. This partnership will encourage families to participate in recreation and leisure activities. The parent/child interaction in these programs will have a lasting positive developmental impact on the children and their families.

**Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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