

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 21, 2004

PROGRAMME AGREEMENT - HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP "CAMP CORRAL" BETWEEN COUNTRY MILES STABLES AND THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

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 enters into an agreement with Penny Murray operating as Country Miles Stables for the provision of instructional horseback riding lessons for children aged 7 to 12 years in the City of Vaughan; and
2. THAT a by-law be enacted to authorize the execution of said agreement.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authorization to enter into an agreement with an external company to provide recreational opportunities and instructional horseback riding to children ages 7 to 12 years in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan will be operating an instructional horseback riding camp at the Country Miles Stables (King Township) from June 28 to August 20, 2004 called "Camp Corral". Riding lessons for children between the ages of 7 to 12 years will be offered, from beginner to advanced levels, in outdoor and indoor facilities, with well-kept stables and experienced staff. Horses are owned and trained throughout the year by Country Miles Stables trainers. Daily riding instruction and supervision is provided for approximately one (1) hour by experienced and trained Country Miles Stables staff. Participants must wear boots or shoes with a heel, riding helmets are mandatory, (helmets can be rented from the stables), long pants, jeans, sweat pants or leggings are appropriate. English riding instructions will be taught with "horse activity" including relays, grooming competitions, related games, and stable management. Other camp activities will include crafts, sports and special events. The charge for these camps is as follows: Sessions A & C are \$437.00 (due to the July 1st and August 2/04 holiday) and Sessions B & D are \$485.00. The maximum capacity for each session is 42 participants.

In 2003, the City of Vaughan operated "Camp Corral" in partnership with Penny Murray operating as County Miles Stables, with a net profit to the City of Vaughan of \$9,658.00. The contract will commence this summer for a one-year term with the option of the City of Vaughan to renew for one additional year.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

One of the strategic priorities outlined in the Vaughan Vision is to provide effective and efficient delivery of services. This initiative will develop and implement innovative alternatives for service delivery to Vaughan residents.

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

Conclusion

A programme agreement for a horseback riding camp "Camp Corral" is required between Country Miles Stables and the City of Vaughan. The City of Vaughan's agreement with this private

company will allow children to participate in English riding instruction focusing on a comprehensive horsemanship program where campers have the opportunity to experience all aspects of horse care. Instructors are qualified, experienced professionals dedicated to teaching equestrian skill in a fun and friendly format.

Attachments

None

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