

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

### **ACCOMMODATING FUTURE DEMANDS FOR MINI SOCCER FIELDS IN WARDS TWO AND THREE**

#### **Recommendation**

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that a portion of the monies received from the sale of lands at the southeast corner of Pine Valley Drive and Highway 407 be allocated to construct an artificial soccer field at Vaughan Grove---sufficient for four mini-fields, plus two additional mini-fields at Vaughan Grove and two additional fields on city-owned lands to be identified by the Commissioner of Community Services.

#### **Purpose**

To ensure that the Woodbridge community has sufficient mini-soccer fields to accommodate local teams during the 2005 season.

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

The impact of the loss of eight mini-soccer fields along Pine Valley Drive near Highway 407 has not been felt this season, as the City has the use of these fields for the balance of the 2004 season. However, that is not the case in 2005 and steps must be taken to address this issue this year.

The experience of the Ontario Soccer Association in constructing and operating an artificial turf field is highly instructive. While the initial capital costs are greater, these fields command a premium in terms of rental charges, they can be used for longer periods of the year, they do not suffer the effects of inclement weather in the same way natural turf fields do, they are much cheaper to maintain, and after the capital costs are paid, they represent a continuous revenue stream well into the future, as retrofit costs are minimal.

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

Section 1.3 of the Vaughan Vision mandates the “. effective and efficient delivery of services”.

#### **Conclusion**

The timely provision of sports fields has always been the case in Vaughan and should continue to be so.

#### **Attachments**

None

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