

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

### **HALLOWEEN-RELATED VANDALISM**

#### **Recommendation**

Councillor Carella recommends that Enforcement Staff be directed to prepare a report for presentation to Council no later than September 15, 2004, outlining in detail plans for dealing with those who might be tempted to engage in vandalism and other actions in violation of the by-laws of the City of Vaughan and/or the Criminal Code of Canada on Halloween (i.e. October 31, 2004)

#### **Purpose**

To forestall acts of vandalism frequently occasioned by the celebration of Halloween

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

While Halloween is usually associated with harmless fun and good-natured pranks, the celebration of this traditional holiday has often in the past been marked by serious acts of vandalism, committed against both private and public property. In some instances, genuine threats to public safety have also occurred.

Addressing this issue in an appropriate manner requires coordination between City departments and between the City and other public agencies, such as the police. Advanced planning in this regard may well mitigate the problems which arise every year at this time.

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

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council---including the safety of the citizenry---and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

#### **Conclusion**

Planning in advance how to address problems which frequently arise around the celebration of Halloween should help in controlling the most serious of these problems

#### **Report prepared by:**

Councillor Tony Carella