

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE-OCTOBER 18, 2004

JOEY PANETTA PARK

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie Di Vona recommends:

1. That the City of Vaughan receive the concerns from residents in the vicinity of Joey Panetta Park.
2. That the City of Vaughan approves of a Committee meeting and to have a representative from the by-law department to attend.
3. That the City of Vaughan by-law department in consultation with York Regional Police consider installing a sign at each park entrance indicating a list of "prohibited activities" under the Trespass to Property Act

Background - Analysis and Options

Residents have been expressing their ongoing frustrations with this park for years and numerous complaints have been received by the City of Vaughan Parks Dept., By-law Dept., Park Patrol, York Regional Police and myself with respect to activities at Joey Panetta Park. The nature and scope of the problem has been included:

-Residents expressed that there should be "No Standing" signs on Belair Way and Marietta Street. Vehicles are parking here in the evening and by-law has still yet to control this ongoing problem.

-In respect to parking on Carmen Crescent the times on the signs are not adequate. The best solution to this problem residents feel is to install the same signs as are on Belair Way and Marietta Street.

-Residents request immediate removal of the 24-hour light and bench.

-Residents have expressed a fear in using the tennis court and playground as a result of the broken glass and loud noises.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report recommends a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated.

Conclusion

That the City of Vaughan receive the requests from the residents in the vicinity of Joey Panetta Park and help address and implement their suggestions so that the park is safe for their children to go to once again. York Regional Police encourages the City of Vaughan to install the signs at the park entrance listing the prohibited activities under the Trespass to Property Act. In doing so York Regional Police officers will have more authority under this act to enforce the law and take the necessary action required.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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