

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JANUARY 17, 2005**

### **CITY OF VAUGHAN INTERNATIONAL SOCCER TOURNAMENT**

#### **Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture, recommends:

That this report be received for information.

#### **Purpose**

To provide Council with information with regards to the costs and permits associated with the City of Vaughan International Soccer Tournament (COVI).

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

Following the deputation of Mr. Russ Turnbuall of the Glen Shields Soccer Club, at the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 29, 2004, Council requested that staff provide a report regarding the costs and permits involved with the COVI.

The COVI tournament is an annual Vaughan-based soccer tournament, coordinated by members from some of the local clubs. The 2005 tournament will be held the weekend of May 27 and will host over 150 teams of all ages.

At that time of the COVI's formation in 1993, Council resolved to waive all permit and services in kind fees until 2003, when Council directed the phasing in of the approved fees. In 2004, the full Council approved rates for community service organizations were applied.

Since 2001 the value of the "grant" bestowed upon the COVI, was as follows:

	2001	2002	2003*	2004
Permits	\$2446.35	\$2,718.20	\$1510.11	\$0.00
Services in Kind	<u>\$617.50</u>	<u>\$686.11</u>	<u>\$381.17</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total	\$3,063.85	\$3,404.31	\$1,891.28	\$0.00

\* 50% paid by the COVI.

In 2002 and 2003, the COVI donated \$5,000 and \$3,000 respectively to the Canadian Cancer Society. The 2004 contribution has yet to be determined as the year end numbers are in the process of being finalized. The annual donation to a charity is commensurate with their financial standing. Recognizing that in 2004 Vaughan applied the full fees and a major sponsor reneged, the contribution is expected to be marginal. In 2005 the COVI anticipates making the Vaughan Health Care Centre the recipient of their donation.

Each year the COVI ends up with approximately \$5,000 in surplus funds to act as a float for the upcoming year to pay for any start up expenses.

**Financial Information:**

The costs associated with the permits and services in kind for the 2004 tournament were as follows:

Permits for fields and facilities:	\$2,448.92
Services In Kind (picnic tables, garbage containers)	<u>\$ 806.73</u>
Total	\$3,255.65

The anticipated costs for the 2005 tournament will be as follows, all things being equal:

Permits for fields and facilities:	\$2,652.73
Services In Kind (picnic tables, garbage containers)	<u>\$ 844.44</u>
Total	\$3,497.17

If Council wishes to explore options for reducing the rental rates applied to the COVI, Council could reduce permit fees through the City of Vaughan Council Grants Program (Attachment 1). The following conditions would have to be met for the COVI to qualify for this discount:

- 1) The event must be established as a fundraising event;
- 2) 50% of the reduce permits fees must be donated to a charity (preferably the Vaughan Health Care Centre);
- 3) Public acknowledgment of the discount must be made whenever possible.

Applying the above named program to the 2005 would translate to a savings of \$1,326.35 provided they donate \$663.17 to a registered charity. The pre-discounted fees would be applied until a receipt issued by the charity, indicating their registered charity number, is submitted by COVI.

This process would maintain the integrity of the rental rates approved by Council and all of the associated policies.

**Permit Information:**

In 2004 the COVI requested and received the required number of fields to operate the tournament. In consultation with the organizers staff assigned the following fields to the event:

<b>Kleinburg</b>	<b>Maple</b>	<b>Thornhill/Concord</b>	<b>Woodbridge</b>
Bindertwine	Maple CC	Benjamin Vaughan	Chancellor Minis 1 to 4
Polish Army	Le Parc	Concord North & South	Father Bulfon 1 & 2
Ecole La Fontaine	McNaughton	Dufferin 1 & 2	Rainbow Creek
	Maple Reservoir 1 & 2	Wade Gate	OSA 1 & 2
		St. Elizabeth	Chancellor Senior
		Worth Park	Holy Cross
		Dufferin Reservoir	

For the 2005 tournament, staff anticipates being able to accommodate the number of fields required to satisfy the demand from the COVI, based on last year's field allocation.

**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 COVI tournament is a premier event in the soccer community. Over 3,000 families are expected to visit Vaughan throughout the tournament and there are many benefits to the local communities.

Staff will continue to work with the COVI organizers to accommodate their field and services in kind allocations. With respect to the fees, staff will continue to apply the approved rates unless otherwise directed by Council.

## **Attachments**

1. City of Vaughan Council Grants Program

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**City of Vaughan**  
**Council Grants Program**

**A. POLICY**

1. The City of Vaughan Grants Programme is intended to support Community Service Organizations (C.S.O.'s) in Vaughan and Social Service Organizations (S.S.O.'s) in York Region who, through their voluntary contributions stimulate recreation and leisure pursuits and promote a better quality of life for Vaughan residents.
2. The grants are provided to ensure that a needed programme or service is available and continues to be provided when the organization is unable to be totally self-sufficient.
3. Applications for grants will be evaluated equitably and consistently.
4. All grants are subject to Council approval.

**B. FUNDING CATEGORIES**

1. Free or Subsidized use of City Facilities

Requests for reduced facility costs by C.S.O.'s/S.S.O.'s that vary from Council approved rental rates are considered grant requests.

C.S.O.'s/S.S.O.'s are subject to the following rental rate formula:

C.S.O./S.S.O.'s Minor = C.S.O. rate in all cases

C.S.O./S.S.O.'s Adult = C.S.O. rate except for arenas, bocce courts, gyms, pools,  
and outdoor facilities where they pay the Adult rate

C.S.O.'s receive priority over private facility requests during seasonal allocation periods.

2. Support for Charities Through Reduced Facility Costs

Council shall support registered charities by reducing permit fees for recreation facilities by 50% for groups operating fund-raising events. Groups must donate a minimum of 50% of the reduced permit fees to the charity.

Note: Groups do not have to be C.S.O.'s or S.S.O.'s to be eligible for this support. A written request must be received by the Department of Recreation stating the details of the event. Fees (pre-discounted) must be paid in full prior to the event. Following the donation to the charity a copy of the receipt issued by the charity indicating their registered charity number must also be forwarded to the Department of Recreation. A reimbursement will then be processed.

3. Services-In-Kind

Council may make available to C.S.O.'s or S.S.O.'s items as identified by the Commissioner of Recreation and Culture (e.g. picnic tables, photocopying, garbage containers, etc.) up to a pre-determined maximum (e.g. cost, times).

Any missing or damaged items shall be the responsibility of the C.S.O. or S.S.O.'s to replace.

#### 4. Monetary Grants

Council may assist C.S.O.'s or S.S.O.'s financially with the provision of services. Monetary grants are intended to supplement the work of community groups, not to provide the major portion of funds required by any group to survive.

Monetary grants are not available for:

- Ratepayer associations and Recreation Advisory Groups
- An individual
- Donations to charitable causes
- Travel costs
- Entertainment costs (banquets etc.)
- Uniforms or equipment
- Conferences or seminars
- Research
- Capital projects
- Sports groups

#### 5. Staff Support and/or Leadership

Where staff resources are available, assistance may be provided to C.S.O.'s with projects such as organizing, budgeting, programming, set-up's etc. up to a pre-determined maximum (e.g. costs, times).

### C. CRITERIA

Groups applying under the grants programme must be recognized C.S.O.'s or S.S.O.'s.

#### 1. C.S.O.'s

In order to receive C.S.O. status the group should reflect neighbourhood and/or City wide needs, be operated by volunteers and be non-profit. Membership must be open to all Vaughan residents and may not exclude participation on the grounds of race, religion or political affiliation. C.S.O.'s must have at least 75% of their members living in Vaughan.

The following information must be filed with the Director of Recreation initially to receive C.S.O. status and annually to renew status:

- List of executive officers
- Written constitution and by-laws or a statement of purpose
- Membership list including addresses

- Proposed budget and annual financial statement
- Players list including addresses and telephone numbers (minor sports groups must include ages)

## 2. S.S.O.'s

S.S.O.'s not necessarily in Vaughan but providing services to the Vaughan community may be eligible for grants. These organizations are required to substantiate that the service is needed in the Vaughan community.

The following information must be filed with the Director of Recreation initially to receive S.S.O. status and annually to renew status:

- List of executive officers
- Written constitution and by-laws or a statement of purpose
- Membership list including addresses
- Proposed budget and annual financial statement

## D. METHOD AND CONDITIONS

1. Application forms must be fully completed and submitted by deadline date.
2. Requests received after deadline date as a result of extenuating circumstances will be reviewed and presented to the Recreation and Culture Standing Committee.
3. Additional relevant information, such as an audited financial statement, may be required.
4. Any change in the approved use of the grant must be requested in writing to the Director of Recreation.
5. Grants not used as allocated or not needed must be returned to the City of Vaughan.
6. Public acknowledgement of the grant provided by the City of Vaughan must be made wherever possible (brochures etc.).
7. Grants provided in one year are not intended to be regarded as a commitment by the City of Vaughan for future years.
8. Any group requesting a grant may be asked to appear before the Recreation and Culture Standing Committee to justify their request.
9. City of Vaughan Council reserves the right to change the grants programme at any time.
10. The City of Vaughan reserves the right to verify information on applications such as membership etc. at any time.