

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 20, 2005**

### **REQUEST TO USE COUNCIL CHAMBERS** **YORK REGIONAL POLICE - FOUR DISTRICT COMMUNITY LIAISON COMMITTEE** **PUBLIC INFORMATION NIGHT – MARIJUANA GROW OPS FORUM**

#### **Recommendation**

Local and Regional Councillor Linda D. Jackson recommends:

That the City of Vaughan approve the use of Council Chambers at no cost, for the York Regional Police Four District Community Liaison Committee to host a public information night for the purposes of educating the public about marijuana grow houses, and

That a notice be posted on the City of Vaughan website as well as the City Page of local newspapers to advertise the Public Information Night – Marijuana Grow Ops Forum.

#### **Economic Impact**

None.

#### **Purpose**

To seek Council approval to allocate the Council Chambers at no cost to the Four District Community Liaison Committee on Monday, October 17, 2005 beginning at 7:00 p.m.

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

At its April 11, 2005 regular meeting, the Four District Community Liaison Committee, through the York Regional Police, made a commitment to host a Marijuana Grow Ops Forum to educate the public and receive input from residents.

Bill 128 of the Province of Ontario has passed third reading in Parliament. Bill 128 is an Act to amend various Acts with respect to enforcement powers, penalties and the management of property forfeited, or that may be forfeited, to the Crown in right of Ontario as a result of organized crime, marijuana growing and other unlawful activities.

A Public Information Forum is recommended, particularly at this time, in light of Bill 128.

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

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council.

#### **Conclusion**

Providing the Four District Liaison Committee with a venue to host this Public Information Forum is beneficial to the community and the City of Vaughan, and Council approval is required for the use of Council Chambers for this purpose.

#### **Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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Local and Regional Councillor