

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 6, 2006

REQUEST BY POLICE CHIEF LA BARGE TO USE THE CITY PLAYHOUSE THEATRE FOR THE ACT OUT YOUTH PROJECT

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation & Culture, recommends:

1. That Council provide direction to staff on Police Chief La Barge's request for "free" use of the City Playhouse Theatre for the "Act Out" youth project for March 25 and March 28, 2006.

Economic Impact

The economic impact is \$3000 in revenues to the operating budget with the approval of the two free days at the City Playhouse Theatre.

Purpose

To seek Council approval to allocate the use of the City Playhouse Theatre on March 25, and March 28, 2006 for the "Act Out" project at no cost to the show sponsors: the York Regional Police and the Vaughan African Canadian Association.

Background - Analysis and Options

In a letter from York Regional Police Chief La Barge, the Chief has requested that the City of Vaughan partner with York Regional Police and the Vaughan African Canadian Association in sponsoring the "Act Out" project by granting two "free" use days at the City Playhouse Theatre. (See Attachment #1 – Letter dated March 2, 2006) The "Act Out" event dates for the program are scheduled as follows: March 25 for rehearsals and March 28 for the final performance show. These days are available at the Theatre for "Act Out's" use. The value of these two free days as per the community rental rates at the Theatre is \$3000.

The "Act Out" project is aimed at enhancing communication, teamwork and critical thinking amongst youth and engages youth in communities to participate in a performing arts event created by youth for youth.

Should Council wish to approve this request from Police Chief La Barge and the Vaughan African Canadian Association to use the City Playhouse Theatre for two days at no cost, staff will make the necessary arrangements to assist the organizations in the booking of the Theatre.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Section 6.4 of the Vaughan Vision encourages the "Strengthening of Corporate Image and Identity".

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary steps to assist the agencies are in place once direction and approval from Council has been received.

Conclusion

Council's support of the "Act Out" project, by offering two "free" use days at the City Playhouse Theatre, will provide an opportunity for community youth to experience and participate in a

performing arts production that showcases and fosters a greater awareness of youth talent in the City of Vaughan. The event provides for a positive outlet and experience for today's youth and has a beneficial outcome for all that participate in the event.

Attachments

1. Correspondence from York Regional Police Chief La Barge dated March 2, 2006.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Community Services

ATTACHMENT 1

March 2, 2006

Mayor Michael Di Biase and Council
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mayor Di Biase and Council Members:

York Regional Police, in partnership with the City of Vaughan and the Vaughan African Canadian Association, are currently working in collaboration with the ACT OUT Project to put on a performance which showcases the talents of youth in our community.

The ACT OUT Project, which works to enhance communication, teamwork and critical thinking amongst youth, is currently conducting a city-wide talent search for artists, actors, dancers, designers, singers, writers and musicians. As a community partner in this initiative, I am requesting your consideration for the free use of the theatre facilities within the City of Vaughan for the ACT OUT auditions and performance. This will be held on Saturday, March 25, 2006 and Tuesday, March 28, 2006.

As a valued community partner, the ACT OUT project works towards making a difference in our community and with the support of the City of Vaughan, I am certain that they will continue to enhance the quality of life for youth within our Region.

Yours truly,



Armand P. La Barge,
Chief of Police

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