

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE- JUNE 19, 2006

PROGRAMME AGREEMENT – HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP “CAMP CORRAL” BETWEEN COUNTRY MILE STABLES AND THE CITY OF VAUGHAN

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Directors of Recreation and Culture and Legal Services, recommends:

1. That the City of Vaughan enters into an agreement with Penny Murray operating as Country Mile Stables for the provision of instructional horseback riding lessons for children aged 7 – 12 years in the City of Vaughan; and,
2. That staff be authorized to enter into this program agreement in a standard form for future programs; and,
3. That a by-law be enacted authorizing the Mayor and the City Clerk to execute said agreement.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact to the City of Vaughan for the 2006 budget year as the necessary resources are allocated and approved as part of the 2006 operating budget.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authorization to enter into a program agreement with an external company to provide recreational opportunities and instructional horseback riding to children aged 7 to 12 years in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

In June 28, 2004 Council approved a program agreement between the City of Vaughan and Country Mile Stables (King Township) to operate an instructional horseback riding camp for a one year contract in 2004 with an option to renew in 2005. The joint program operates each July and August and was very successful both years.

Staff requires Council approval of a new two (2) year agreement with Country Miles Stables that operates each July and August called “Camp Corral”. The program agreement includes instruction, facility and equipment requirements, safety, administration, fees, insurance and additional terms and conditions.

The contract will commence this summer for a one-year term with the option for the City of Vaughan to renew for an additional one (1) year.

Further, staff request Council's authorization for staff to executive this program agreement in its standard form, in future years. Staff will report to Council if any changes are made to the agreement.

Riding lessons for children between the ages of 7 to 12 years will be offered, from beginner to advanced levels, in outdoor and indoor facilities, with well-kept stables and experienced staff. Horses are owned and trained throughout the year by Country Mile Stables trainers. Daily riding instruction and supervision is provided for approximately one (1) hour by experienced and trained Country Mile Stables staff. The maximum capacity for each session is 42 participants.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

1.3 Provide effective and efficient delivery of services.

This initiative will develop and implement innovative alternatives for service delivery to Vaughan residents by providing a horseback riding camp for children in the City of Vaughan.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan would like to enter into a new two (2) year program agreement with Country Mile Stables to provide a horseback riding camp. Since 2004, this agreement has enabled the City of Vaughan to provide a comprehensive horsemanship camp program in partnership with an external company.

Attachments

None

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