

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - OCTOBER 15, 2007

BASKETBALL NETS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services and City Solicitor recommends that this report be received.

Economic Impact

Not applicable.

Communications Plan

Not applicable.

Purpose

This report is to provide information relating to regulating the placement of portable basketball nets.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council, at its meeting of June 25, 2007, Item 101, Report 34, received a deputation and petition from a deputant regarding the placement of basketball nets in residential areas, and referred the matter to staff for a report.

The location where a portable basketball net is placed determines the action that the City will take.

Public Property

The most common type of complaint regarding basketball nets received by Enforcement Services is related to the portable nets being left unused on the City's road allowance or residential streets.

In these circumstances, Enforcement Services staff will advise the owners of the apparatus that the placement of the net on the boulevard or road allowance is contrary to the City of Vaughan's Encroachment By-law 244-2005. The homeowner is advised to remove the basketball net when it is not in use. On occasion, nets have been removed by the City if they are repeatedly left out on the boulevard. To date no one has been charged under the Encroachment By-law for a basketball net violation.

Private Property

The City has historically not gotten involved where the basketball net is placed on private property and the complaint deals strictly with the placement of the equipment as this is a private property matter. The Building Department does not consider basketball nets as structures, therefore the setback provisions of the City of Vaughan Zoning By-law 1-88, do not apply.

The placement of basketball nets on private property is a matter between neighbours. In the event that the situation between homeowners deteriorates or escalates, York Regional Police is the enforcement body responsible for that level of intervention.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The report is in keeping with the Vaughan Vision Goal A-1, Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

The City manages the issues with basketball nets on boulevards and road allowances. The placement of basketball nets on private property is a civil matter.

Attachments

None

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