

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - NOVEMBER 5, 2007

PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS MODEL SENIORS PROGRAMS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services and the Director of Recreation and Culture recommend:

- 1) That the Public/Private partnership opportunity to deliver senior programs including bocce be approved.

Economic Impact

No economic impact as the result of this report.

Communications Plan

Staff met with S.A.V.I. (Seniors Association of Vaughan Inc.) to discuss mutual opportunities to deliver senior programs.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to report to Council on the Public/Private Partnership opportunity for the future bocce and activity centre at 2501 Rutherford Road.

Background-Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting of September 10, 2007, Council approved the Deputation – Mr. Joe Sicoli with respect to the City of Vaughan Bocce Policy report which recommended that staff develop Public/Private Partnerships to deliver senior programs including Bocce to minimize the impact to other clubs and users of the existing facilities.

Public/Private Partnership

Active living and participation in recreation and leisure services supports healthy aging and independence by facilitating mental, physical and social well-being. Older adults in the City of Vaughan have a wealth of skills; knowledge and life experience to contribute to the community and should be given the opportunity to be involved in planning, decision making and leadership regarding their leisure.

In light of the lease bocce facilities and activity space that is available, S.A.V.I. is in agreement that they will work in partnership with the City of Vaughan's Recreation and Culture department to assist in administering older adult activities and social programming where feasible with an emphasis on day time use. S.A.V.I. is also interested in using the space as an office, meeting and gathering place for the Association's business activities to support the numerous City wide initiatives that they provide in collaboration with the Vaughan Youth Cabinet, Vaughan Senior Clubs and older adults in general. This proposed partnership arrangement will encourage and supports the coordination, cooperation and mutual support among service providers which is essential to maximizing limited resources, addressing gaps in service delivery and where possible avoiding duplication. Operational support to be provided by S.A.V.I is as outlined in the City of Vaughan, Department of Recreation & Culture, Policy and Operating Procedures for Older Adult Club in Vaughan, May, 2006.

On June 25, 2007, Council awarded a three year contract to Fontana Garden Express for the lease of space for vending services, concession operations and seasonal mobile concession operations at City recreation facilities effective September 1, 2007.

In keeping with the scope of the contract, staff contacted Joe Aiello of Fontana Gardens Express regarding the related services and operation at 2501 Rutherford Road, Unit 15 in Vaughan. The company expressed interest in operating the vending and concession services and agreed to enter into discussion with staff and S.A.V.I. on the particulars relating to equipment, hours of service, rent, and menus.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable

Conclusion

At the Council meeting of September 10, 2007, Council recommended that staff develop Public/Private partnerships to deliver senior programs including bocce to minimize the impact to other bocce clubs and users of existing facilities. A bocce facility and activity centre is being considered by the City of Vaughan at 2501 Rutherford Road. S.A.V.I. is in agreement to work in partnership with the City of Vaughan's Recreation and Culture to assist in administering older adult activities and social programming. Fontana Garden Express, who has the three year food and vending contract with the City of Vaughan, has agreed to provide food and beverage services at the bocce and activity centre.

Attachments

N/A

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