

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) – MAY 27, 2008

“ACTIVE TOGETHER” MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND LIBRARIES

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Senior Management Team, the Directors of Parks Development, Building and Facilities, Parks and Forestry Operations, Budgeting and Financial Planning, Manager of Administration and Planning and the Director of Planning and Communication with Vaughan Public Libraries recommends:

- 1) That the presentation and draft “Active Together” Master Plan be received for review and comment; and,
- 2) That the final “Active Together” Master Plan be brought back to Committee of the Whole in September 2008 for Council’s approval.

Economic Impact

Not applicable.

Communications Plan

The community consultation process has been, and will continue to be, an essential component of this Master Plan. Phase 1 of the Master Plan process included Council interviews, senior management team workshop, staff workshops, community group/sports group workshops, arts/culture/heritage workshops, Library Board and staff consultation, S.A.V.I workshop, statistically significant household survey and user group survey.

Once approved by Council, a communications plan building upon the above community consultation process will be developed in conjunction with the Corporate Communications Department.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to have Council receive, review and provide comment on the draft “Active Together” Master Plan document.

Background - Analysis and Options

At a special Council meeting of January 16, 2006, Council directed staff to provide an up to date Master Plan on the building of new recreation facilities.

The “Active Together” Master Plan is an integrated long-term strategy that guides planning for parks, recreation, culture and library facilities and services until the City’s ultimate build-out. The Plan reflects considerable changes that have taken place in Vaughan in past years and proactively respond to the anticipated future needs of residents in both the established and new growth areas. This is the first time that the Vaughan Public Libraries has been included in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan study.

A Physical Activity Strategy has also been prepared concurrently with the “Active Together” Master Plan. The purpose of the Physical Activity Strategy is to foster higher levels of physical activity by Vaughan residents through various action designed to remove barriers and allow for greater participation.

The City of Vaughan's Community Services Commission (comprised of Recreation and Culture, Parks Development, Buildings and Facilities, and Parks Operations and Forestry) along with the Vaughan Public Libraries depend on the Master Plan to guide planning for parks, recreation, culture and library facilities and services. The last Parks & Recreation Master Plan was completed in 1991.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- *STRATEGIC GOAL:* Service Excellence
- *STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:*
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery;
Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness; and
Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts, and culture.
- *STRATEGIC GOAL:* Management Excellence
- *STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:*
Plan & manage growth and economic vitality; and
Maintain assets and infrastructure.

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

That Council receive, review and provide comment on the draft "Active Together" Master Plan document and that the final "Active Together" Master Plan document be brought back to Committee of the Whole in September 2008 for Council's approval.

Attachments

None

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