COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 7, 2008

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK - VAUGHAN YOUTH WEEK - MAY 3 - 9, 2008

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Area Recreation Manager – East, Recreation and Culture Department, recommends:

1. That Council proclaim the week of May 3 – 9, 2008, as "Vaughan Youth Week" in the City of Vaughan.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact related to this report.

Communications Plan

The proclamation of Vaughan Youth Week 2008 will be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting. Further, a Vaughan Youth Week 2008 Activity Poster will be distributed throughout elementary and secondary schools within the York Region School Boards of Education. Posters will be visible in City of Vaughan community centres, youth rooms and public display boards, as well as at all Vaughan public libraries. Outreach to community groups, cultural organizations and businesses will also include press release information and posters. News release to be distributed to local media and posted to the City's website. Youth Week information and schedules will be posted on the City's website.

Purpose

To request that Council proclaim May 3 – 9, 2008 as "Vaughan Youth Week" in the City of Vaughan and to present an overview of the City's Recreation and Culture Department activities held throughout the City at all community centres, which are held in partnership with the York Region School Boards of Education, community groups and local businesses.

Background - Analysis and Options

National Youth Week – May 1 – 7, 2008

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has joined the international community to declare the first full week of May as National Youth Week in Canada. National Youth Week is an international initiative acknowledging, celebrating, and advocating youth empowerment, achievement and involvement. It is a week of fun, interaction and celebration intending to strengthen the connection between young people and their communities. The City of Vaughan is participating in this initiative to celebrate the importance of youth and their contributions that make the City of Vaughan a great place to live.

In 2008, the Recreation and Culture Department will celebrate Vaughan Youth Week from May 3 – May 9, 2008. A variety of activities are scheduled at our community centres including skate boarding demonstrations, basketball competitions, Hip Hop challenge, ball hockey showdown, and ping pong tournaments. In addition, Youth Week will be celebrated with three (3) community events scheduled across the City. These include the Vaughan Youth Pursuit (an 'amazing race') at Chancellor Community Centre, the "Bobby Motta Magic Show" in Maple (St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School), and a Youth vs. Celebrity Basketball game at Rosemount Community Centre.

Each of these events is based on providing opportunities for youth to be engaged with their community. Vaughan Youth Week will highlight the City of Vaughan as a Youth Friendly Community and will continue to provide opportunities to develop partnerships with businesses and community groups that support youth in their community.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

The Vaughan Vision 2020 has identified service excellence as a strategic goal and the delivery of high quality services within approved service standards to all city stakeholders as an objective.

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

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications related to this item.

Conclusion

This report provides Council with the Vaughan Youth Week 2008 Activity Poster for the week of May 3-9, 2008. Vaughan Youth Week provides a venue by which the City can inform, educate, and in some way give back to the public, initiatives borne by the Recreation and Culture Department.

Attachments

1. Vaughan Youth Week 2008 Activity Poster

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Respectfully submitted,

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