

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 3, 2008

REQUEST WITH RESPECT TO ENDORSING – 2008-2009: WALK-OR-BIKE-TO-SCHOOL-YEAR

Recommendation

The Council/School Board Liaison Committee recommends:

That Council endorse the following recommendation:

That the York Region District School Board, the York Catholic District School Board and the City of Vaughan proclaim the 2008-2009 academic year "*Walk-or-Bike-to-School-Year*", to focus the collective attention of both boards, the City of Vaughan and all schools in the City of Vaughan on how best to meet the intent of the Healthy Schools Initiative.

Economic Impact

Minimal, as the City's involvement, should the Boards approve such a proclamation, would be promoting this initiative through a media release.

Communications Plan

The School Boards will be provided a copy of the Council extract relating to this matter.

Purpose

To bring forward a recommendation made at the Council School Board Liaison Committee meeting of May 15, 2008.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the May 15, 2008 Council/School Board Liaison Committee meeting discussion took place regarding an initiative involving the York Region District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board with respect to promoting the Healthy Schools Initiative. The committee is requesting the City of Vaughan endorse the Walk or Bike to School Initiative. Should the School Boards approve proclaiming the 2008-2009 academic year "*Walk-or-Bike-to-School-Year*", the City of Vaughan's involvement will be only to promote this initiative through a media release.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

The Council/School Board Liaison Committee is seeking Council's endorsement of proclaiming the 2008-2009 academic year "*Walk-or-Bike-to-School-Year*".

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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