

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – OCTOBER 6, 2008

VETERANS' PARK: ADDITIONAL BOCCE COURTS

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that

1. the attached petition---signed by approximately one hundred and ten (110) residents and requesting an increase in the number of bocce courts at Veterans' Park from one (1) to four (4)---be received; and
2. that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee, for consideration as part of the 2009 budgetary process.

Economic Impact

To be determined as part of the budget documentation procedure

Communication Plan

A communication plan would be premature at this time.

Purpose

To bring to the attention of the Budget Committee a petition that will have budgetary impact.

Background - Analysis and Options

Veterans' Park is located south of Woodbridge Avenue, running along the west bank of the Humber River to the southern end of Wallace Street, at Highway 7.

In the past few years, an increasing number of older individuals who are "downsizing" from single family dwellings to condominium units have been attracted to the neighbourhood, as it combines the housing type they are seeking with the convenience of pedestrian-accessible services, as well as opportunities for low impact exercise (walking and jogging) along the extensive walkways and trails that wind their way through parklands along both sides of the river, and indeed---further upstream---along both sides of the east and west branches of the Humber River.

Many of these new residents are bocce enthusiasts. Yet, there is at present only one court available for use in the area, in Veterans' Park, immediately behind the Terraces condominium, beside and behind the Historic Wallace House, on Woodbridge Avenue.

The petition which is attached to this report requests an increase in the number of courts to four. Given the likelihood of additional development in the Woodbridge core, and the current demographic profile of the area, it is safe to assume that the number of bocce enthusiasts living in the neighbourhood will be increasing in the near future. Hence, an increase in the number of courts to four seems eminently reasonable.

Regional Implications

None

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.

Conclusion

It is appropriate that the attached petition be forwarded to the Budget Committee.

Attachments

Petition requesting three additional bocce courts in Veterans' Park

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Respectfully submitted,

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