

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 6, 2008

SANTAFEST PARADE IN MAPLE

Recommendation

Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri recommends:

That Vaughan Council request the Region of York to permit the following temporary road closure for the Santafest Parade on Sunday November 9, 2008 between the hours of 1:30p.m. to 3:30 p.m. along Major Mackenzie Drive between Hwy 400 to the Vaughan Civic Center, and

That City staff be authorized to provide various services for this event, such as staff support, services in kind and facility space as well as any appropriate measures, such as temporary event related parking restrictions and similar actions, subsequent to detailed event planning.

Economic Impact

None

Communications Plan

The City Corporate Communication Department will work with members of the Santafest Committee to post the event on the City of Vaughan website.

Purpose

To facilitate the community's request for road closure support for the Santafest Parade in Maple.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Santafest Committee comprised of several community groups, clubs, organizations, businesses and City staff wish to hold its Ninth Annual Santafest Parade featuring, the ever popular Santa Claus. The desired parade route would originate at Canada's Wonderland and proceed east along Major Mackenzie Drive to the Vaughan Civic Center.

Major Mackenzie Drive is under the jurisdiction of the Region of York; accordingly, it will be necessary to obtain Regional approval and any required permits for this event.

The actual parade is predicted to last approximately one hour from start to finish. However, it is suggested that the parade route be closed to through movement, non-event related traffic between 1:30p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on the event day. This would assist in orderly spectator arrival and departure along the parade route. Appropriate road detours to facilitate through traffic movement can be arranged and decided upon in coming liaison with the appropriate Regional staff.

City staff from various appropriate municipal departments will also be involved in activities such as the procurement of Regional Police assistance, media notification, detour signing and barricade provisions and any other similar requested assistance.

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

The Region of York will be asked to provide a road closure on Major Mackenzie Drive between Highway 400 and the Vaughan Civic Center between the hours of 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. on November 9, 2008.

Conclusion

Council's support through its request to the Region of York will ensure a safe and successful parade event.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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