COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 20, 2010

PROCLAMATION - VAUGHAN YOUTH WEEK - MAY 1 - 8, 2010

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture, recommends:

- 1. That Council proclaim the week of May 1 8, 2010, as "Vaughan Youth Week" in the City of Vaughan; and,
- 2. That the "2010 Youth Week Poster of Activities" as found in Attachment 1 and the presentation and information on Vaughan's success in receiving the Communities In Bloom "Youth Involvement Award", be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan,

4.1 To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of culture and its heritage.

Economic Impact

The youth programs and initiatives indicated in this report will be funded through the approved 2010 Recreation and Culture Department Operating Budget and community sponsors.

Communications Plan

The proclamation of Vaughan Youth Week 2010, including a schedule of Youth Week activities and events, will be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting. The Vaughan Youth Week 2010 Activity Poster will be distributed to Vaughan elementary and secondary schools, and posters will also be available at City libraries and community centres, specifically within youth rooms and on community display boards. Outreach to community groups, cultural organizations and businesses will take place via poster distribution, and email.

<u>Purpose</u>

The purpose of this report is to request that Council proclaim the week of May 1 - 8, 2010 as "Vaughan Youth Week" in the City of Vaughan, and to present an overview of the youth-based activities and events scheduled to be held at community centres across the City, as organized by the Recreation and Culture Department in partnership with the York Region School Boards of Education, community groups and local businesses.

Background - Analysis and Options

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 contribution towards making the City of Vaughan a great place to live.

In addition to Youth Week, in support of the Active Together Physical Activity Strategy and the Youth In Action Strategy, the Recreation and Culture Department delivers a variety of youth programs through community centre based youth rooms, registered programs, satellite drop ins and other special events. These programs provide physical, creative and social opportunities for youth.

In March 2010, the City of Vaughan was awarded the National Youth Involvement Criteria Award at the Communities in Bloom, WinterLights conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. The award recognizes the measurable impact of youth contributions and community involvement in projects and initiatives in Vaughan's annual WinterLights Celebrations and as well as other various community initiatives throughout the season. This designation further strengthens the goals set out in the *Youth in Action!* report which are to increase youth participation and showcase their successes within the community, along with offering to youth, positive lifestyle choices.

In 2010, the Recreation and Culture Department will celebrate "Vaughan Youth Week" from May 1 - 8. A variety of activities are scheduled at City community centres, including the youth cultural fair, basketball competitions, swimming challenges, and youth fitness and nutrition centre days. In addition, a full menu of inclusive community events will be offered across the City, including MOGA (Most Outrageous Group Activity) at all secondary schools, Bowl-4-a-Buddy at Maple Community Centre, inclusive Bocce tournaments at Vaughan Bocce and Recreation Centre, Youth vs. Celebrity Basketball game at Rosemount Community Centre, and finally Battle of the Bands and Ping Pong tournament at Vellore Village Community Centre. A detailed schedule of activities is found as *Attachment 1* of this report.

Each of these events is based on providing opportunities for youth engagement within 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 Vaughan.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

- STRATEGIC GOAL: Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to citizens
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES: Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness.

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 associated with this report.

Conclusion

Council approval is being sought to proclaim the week of May 1 - 8, 2010 as "Vaughan Youth Week" in the City of Vaughan and receive information regarding Youth Week initiatives being hosted by the Recreation and Culture Department. Furthermore, Vaughan's success in receiving

the "Youth Involvement Criteria Award" at the Communities in Bloom, WinterLights conference in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, is being recognized and celebrated with a presentation at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 20, 2010.

Attachments

1. 2010 Youth Week Poster of Activities

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Respectfully submitted,

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We want your

Most Outrageous Group Activity!

What is MOGA?

An opportunity to involve your entire school in the craziest physical activity you can imagine.

An event for youth organized by youth, MOGA happens within hundreds of high schools and youth groups across Canada!

As part of Vaughan Youth Week 2010 and in support of the City's *Active Together Physical Activity Strategy*, we challenge high school students to carry out a MOGA MADNESS event at their school between May 1-8.

The school with the most creative and unique event will win the title of Vaughan's MOGA School!

Are there restrictions on the type of activity our school can organize?

The only rule of MOGA is that there are no rules! No activity is restricted and anything goes, as long as:

- it's an original and inclusive physical activity taking place during the school day
 - participation is FREE

a large group of students complete the activity at the same time
it's youth led, promoted and coordinated (under the supervision of school administration and with the approval of the school principal).

Registration Details:

I. Create a MOGA and assign student leaders to help coordinate the event.

2. Complete the following forms:

- MOGA REGISTRATION FORM: include the date, time and a brief description of your MOGA, as well as a contact person and any event sponsors
- PHOTO RELEASE FORM: This gives us permission to showcase your school on the City of Vaughan website and in local media.
- 3. Send completed forms to MirellaTersigni, Community Development Coordinator, via email at <u>mirella.tersigni@vaughan.ca</u> or fax, 905-832-8550.
- 4. Wait for us to contact you! The City of Vaughan Recreation & Culture Department wants to picture your school's MOGA. Once registered, expect a call from your local Active Living Coordinator to work out coverage details of the event.

Need Some MOGA Inspiration?

Some MOGA events organized by other student bodies include: • Outdoor volleyball on mud courts wearing swim suits

- Funk & Dunk Contest: Break dance while shooting hoops
- Conga line around the school to DJ music
- Hula-hoop competition on the football field
- Tug-of-War using a GIANT rope

YOUTH

MATTERS

YOUTH WEEK . MAY 1 - 8

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MONDAY, MAY 3

11-11:45am Point Guard Challenge 14-17 vrs

TUESDAY, MAY 4 11-11:45am 2-Ball Contest: 14-17 yrs

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

11-11:45am 3-Point Shootout 14-17 vrs

THURSDAY, MAY 6

11-11:45am Dunk Off: 14-17 yrs

FRIDAY, MAY 7

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Youth Skate: 14-17 yrs 7-8pm



SATURDAY, MAY 1 Youth Sports: Open Gym 1-3pm 10-17 yrs MONDAY, MAY 3 - FRIDAY, MAY 7 Youth Sports: Basketball 3:30-6pm 10-17 yrs Youth Room: 10-17 yrs 3:30-6pm

MONDAY, MAY 3 Youth Zumba: 13-17 yrs 4-5pm

THURSDAY, MAY 6 3:30-4:30pm Youth Pilates: 13-17 yrs **Basketball Skills & Drills** 6:30-8pm Competition: 10-17 yrs

DUFFERIN CLARK COMMUNITY CENTRE (DCCC)

1441 CLARK AVE. W. • CONCORD • 905-832-8554

SATURDAY, MAY 1

2:30-4:30pm Surfs Up! Destination Hawaii: 10 yrs+

MONDAY, MAY 3

3rd Annual Junior 4-6pm Ball Take Over: 11-13 yrs

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

3rd Annual Youth 4-6pm **Basketball Explosion** 14-17 years

FRIDAY, MAY 7 4-6pm Its Sho-Tyme: 14-17 yrs

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 905-832-8500 OR VISIT WWW.VAUGHAN.CA

FATHER ERMANNO BULFON **COMMUNITY CENTRE (FEBCC)** 8141 MARTIN GROVE RD. • WOODBRIDGE • 905-879-8732

MONDAY, MAY 3 Table Tennis Tourney 5-7pm 10-17 yrs

TUESDAY, MAY 4 9:15-11:30am Elementary School Bocce 11-14 yrs

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

3-on-3 Youth Basketball 4-6pm Tourney: 10-17 yrs

GARNET A WILLIAMS COMMUNITY CENTRE (GAWCC)

501 CLARK AVE. W. • THORNHILL • 905-832-8552

MONDAY, MAY 3 All day FREE Guest Day

Fitness Centre: 14-17 yrs Sport Supplement Tips 4-5pm 14-17 yrs

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Indoor Soccer: 12-13 yrs 4-6pm

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

All day **FREE Guest Day** Fitness Centre: 14-17 yrs

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Indoor Soccer: 14-17 yrs 6-8pm

fun all week long!

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Visit www.vaughan.ca for details.

MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE (MCC) 10190 KEELE ST. • MAPLE • 905-832-2377

MONDAY, MAY 3 - WEDNESDAY, MAY 5 10am-12pm Invitational Inclusive Bocce Tournament: 13 yrs+

MONDAY, MAY 3 llam-lpm Bowl-4-A-Buddy Maple Schools, 10-17 yrs

TUESDAY, MAY 4 Bowl-4-A-Buddy 11am-2pm

Maple Schools, 10-17 yrs

WEDNESDAY, MAY 5

Bowl-4-A-Buddy 11am-2pm Maple Schools, 10-17 yrs Fun Club (Special Needs) 5:30-8pm Maple Schools, 13 yrs+

THURSDAY, MAY 6

Bobby Motta Magic 11am-1pm Maple High School 10-17 yrs

ROSEMOUNT **COMMUNITY CENTRE (RCC)**

1000 NEW WESTMINSTER DR. • THORNHILL • 905-709-4597

SATURDAY, MAY 1 **Charity Basketball** 2-4pm

Game: 13-17 yrs

TUESDAY, MAY 4 11:30am-2pm Ping Pong Tourney 10-17 yrs

THURSDAY, MAY 6 11:30am-2pm 8-Ball Tourney: 10-17 yrs

* UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

Discover what's going on at Vaughan Public Libraries.

VELLORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE (VVCC) 1 VILLA ROYALE AVE. • WOODBRIDGE • 905-832-8544

SATURDAY, MAY 1

5-10:30pm Battle of the Bands East vs. West: All Ages Entry fee: \$25/band Tickets: \$5-7/person Call VVCC ext.7306 for show locations & tickets.

TUESDAY, MAY 4 - FRIDAY, MAY 7

Youth Room: 10-17 yrs

THURSDAY, MAY 6 - FRIDAY, MAY 7

9am-5pm **Ontario Ball Hockey Association Tournament** St. Jean de Brebeuf CHS For more information call VVCC ext.7306.

SATURDAY, MAY 8

5-10:30pm

6-8pm

Ping Pong Tourney: 10-17 yrs 9am-5pm PAtt VE

sponsored by **Parents Against** Violence Everywhere \$20 registration fee/team

Register at: www.Pave-Canada.com Grand Prize: \$1,000

> FINALS: Battle of the Bands Rock Concert East vs. West, All Ages Tickets: \$5-7/person

Call VVCC ext.7306 for tickets.