



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	JUNE 19, 2012 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Title:	IMPROVING ACCESS TO SERVICES BY THOSE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS
Submitted by:	Councillor Tony Carella

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is an inclusive organization that has a corporate vision that encourages and supports the participation of individuals with disabilities in all programs and services such as accessible recreational opportunities, community centres and parks; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is meeting current and pursuing future requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA); and

Whereas, the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee advises Council about the requirements and implementation of accessibility standards and the preparation of accessibility reports and such other matters for which the Council may seek its advice; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan provides individuals and families access to recreational services through a number of fee assistance programs such as RecAssist; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan wishes to ensure access to recreational services is fair and consistent for all residents;

It is therefore recommended:

That staff report on the implication of providing reduced fees for recreational programs such as fitness memberships, registered programs and camp programs for citizens with disabilities; and

That such a report include requirements on this issue as it relates to the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), benchmarking information from other municipalities, consultation with the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee, financial impacts to the City, currently available fee assistance programs, and criteria to identify eligible recipients.

Respectfully submitted,

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