

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (WORKING SESSION) AUGUST 28, 2001

COUNCIL SUPPORTED FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Recommendation

The Director of Corporate Communications requests direction with respect to the continuation of the current policy of supporting those fundraising events that are deemed to be beneficial to the community as a whole, being The Woodchoppers Ball, The Humber Regional Hospital Gala, The York Central Hospital Gala, and the York Region Police Chief's Dinner, and the method of that support.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to bring forward for Council's review, discussion and consideration, the current policy and practice of purchasing tables at Council supported fundraising events.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council, at its meeting of March 19, 2001 adopted a Committee of the Whole recommendation that a full discussion take place with respect to the matter regarding donations to specific functions that have in the past been supported by the City of Vaughan.

The practice of purchasing tables at Council supported fundraising events has been in place for several years. The events are identified as The Woodchoppers Ball, The Humber Regional Hospital Gala, The York Central Hospital Gala, and the York Region Police Chief's Dinner. These events and organizations have been identified as significant and of benefit to the community as a whole.

For these events, a table is purchased by the City for all Members of Council and their spouses, and if space permits, senior staff. For those Members of Council who attend, the costs are charged to the Individual Councillors' Budgets.

There have been frequent occasions in the past that the tables have not been filled, as Councillors either cannot attend, or attend as a guest of another table. As a result, a change to the current policy and practice should be considered. A number of options exist:

- a) The City make a cash donation to the approved fundraising event to be funded either from the Corporate Budget or equally from the Councillors' Individual Budgets;
- b) Individual Members of Council purchase tickets directly from the event, with the cost being allocated to the appropriate Individual Council Budget; or
- c) Discontinue the practice of City supported fundraising events.

Conclusion

The current practice of support of fundraising events is brought forward for review, discussion and consideration.