

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 7, 2001

SAFE CITY SURVEY

Recommendation

Councillor Bernie DiVona, Chair of the Safe City Committee, recommends that this report be received for information.

Background

The Safe City Committee is responsible for advising and making recommendations to Council, with the objective of:

- reducing incidents of vandalism,
- enhancing community safety by building awareness and promoting communication, and
- developing “community-based” preventative programs and policies.

For the past several years, we have met with residents at community meetings, sought advice from specialists, conducted literature research, searched worldwide websites, and conferred with other municipalities to update our long-term strategic plan, “Journey Into the Millennium”.

We are now, once again, seeking the assistance of our residents, by asking them to complete a Safe City Survey.

We believe that the public’s participation is vital. We want to provide our residents with the opportunity to submit ideas, which may assist in formulating policy, practice or procedural change. Residents know their community better than anyone else. They may have knowledge or experience with a community safety program that may be adopted or implemented in the City of Vaughan. We need to tap this expertise.

The attached Safe City Survey is being forwarded through the Hydro Bills over the months of May and June to every household in Vaughan. It will be available in all City of Vaughan Libraries and facilities, and is available on-line on the City’s website.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie DiVona
Chair, Safe City Committee

Attachment

Safe City SURVEY:



1. Do you believe we have a problem with community vandalism?

Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure ____

2. Have you ever witnessed any acts of vandalism in your community?

Yes ____ No ____ Not Sure ____

3. If yes, did you report it to anyone? Yes ____ No ____

4. What age group do you think is primarily responsible for acts of vandalism?

Children (6 -12 years) ____ Teenagers (13 - 19 years) ____ Adults ____

5. Where do acts of vandalism occur in your community? (You may check more than one.)

Parks ____ Schools ____ Recreation Centres ____ Plazas ____

Private Property ____ Businesses ____

6. Do you feel that acts of vandalism are being committed by persons living in your community?

Yes ____ No ____

7. Why do you think vandalism occurs? (Please give reasons)

8. Do you have any recommendations or comments to reduce vandalism in your community?

9. Would you be willing to take an active role in preventing vandalism? Yes ____ No ____

10. Would you like a copy of the **Strategic Plan**? Yes ____ No ____

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Address _____

11. Please complete the following information:

(OPTIONAL - For statistical purposes only. All information is held in strict confidence).

Age: 21 and under ____ 22 - 39 years ____ 40 - 59 years ____ 60 years+ ____

Education: Grade 1 - 8 ____ Grade 9 - 13 ____ College / University ____

Annual Household Income: \$24,000 and under ____ \$24,001 - \$45,000 ____ \$45,001 and over ____