

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 4, 2001

LEASE OF PATRICIA KEMP COMMUNITY CENTRE BY COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services requests direction on this item.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain direction on the requests from Glen Shields Soccer Club, and the First Filipino Canadian Association to lease the Patricia Kemp Community Centre for a nominal rent.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Patricia Kemp Community Centre, has for the past 15 or so years been the home of the Vaughan Neighbourhood Support Centre and the Glen Shields Co-op Nursery School. In addition a number of community groups permit the centre for activities including meetings, sports, band practice etc. Vaughan Neighbourhood Support changed their name to York Region Neighbourhood Support and when their lease expired at the end of January 2002, moved to Newmarket. The Glen Shields Co-op continues to use one room on the lower level and the gymnasium and washrooms. The Philippine Heritage Band is still using the Centre on weekends, but will be moving to the Baker Heritage House later this year.

The Glen Shields Soccer Club currently has two offices, and storage in the Dufferin Clark Community Centre. They have requested the opportunity to lease the entire Patricia Kemp Community Centre, with the exception of the space used by the Co-op Nursery.

Staff has also had meetings with the First Filipino Canadian Association, who are very interested in leasing or permitting one or more rooms at the Patricia Kemp Centre. This group is based in Vaughan and currently permits space at various Thornhill and Concord facilities.

The Centre is fairly large and could accommodate several groups. It could use a "facelift", which could be the responsibility of the groups. Trillium grants are available to community organizations for renovations to existing facilities. Glen Shields is interested in upgrading the building as well as the outdoor soccer field.

The City has leased facilities to other non-profit groups, based in Vaughan, as long as they are incorporated and have adequate insurance. These groups are not charged rent, however must pay the operating costs associated with the space they are using.

Conclusion

Staff requires direction as to potential lease arrangements with Glen Shield Soccer and the First Filipino Canadian Association.

Attachments

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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