

RELIEF OF CITY DEVELOPMENT CHARGES – EARTH RANGERS

Recommendation

The Director of Reserves & Investments in consultation with the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services and the Director of Legal Services recommends:

That Council provide direction in this matter.

Purpose

To bring forward a request from the Earth Rangers for relief of City of Vaughan development charges for their intern house that they are constructing at the Earth Rangers Centre located at the Kortright Centre.

Background - Analysis and Options

In 2002 the Earth Rangers, a charitable foundation, constructed their wildlife veterinary and rehabilitation centre at the Kortright Centre for Conservation. Council at its meeting of December 16, 2002 approved an agreement to defer the payment of City of Vaughan development charges for this development to a date later than the date of issuance of a building permit.

Now the Earth Rangers are constructing an intern house that provides accommodation for visiting veterinarians, registered veterinary technicians, wildlife rehabilitators, researchers, educators and students from around the world. This residence will be located within the confines of the Earth Rangers site.

The Earth Rangers are requesting a deferral of City development charges similar to that granted to them in the past.

Conclusion

There are no provisions in the By-law to provide an exemption or deferral.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Reserves & Investments