

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 16, 2003**

**PROGRAMME AGREEMENT - HORSEBACK RIDING CAMP "CAMP CORRAL" BETWEEN COUNTRY MILES STABLES AND THE CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Program Manager of Recreation recommends:

That the City of Vaughan enter into an agreement with Country Miles Stables for the provision of instructional horseback riding lessons for children aged 7 to 12 years in the City of Vaughan;

That a by-law be enacted to authorize the execution of said agreements.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council's authorization to enter into an agreement with an external company to provide recreational opportunities and instructional horseback riding to children ages 7 to 12 years in the City of Vaughan.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The City of Vaughan will be operating an instructional horseback riding camp at the Country Miles Stables (King Township) from June 30 to August 22, 2003. The Camp is called "Camp Corral". Riding lessons for children between the ages of 7 to 12 years and will be offered for boys and girls from beginner to advanced levels, in outdoor and indoor facilities, with well-kept stables and experienced staff. Horses are owned and trained throughout the year by Country Miles trainers. Daily riding instruction and supervision is provided for approximately one (1) hour by experienced and trained Country Mile Staff. Participants must wear boots or shoes with a heel, riding helmets are mandatory, (helmets can be rented from the stables), long pants, jeans, sweat pants or leggings are appropriate. English riding instructions will be taught with "horse activity" including relays, grooming competitions, related games, and stable management. Other camp activities will include crafts, sports and special events. The charge for these camps ranges from \$430.00 to \$470.00 due to the July 1<sup>st</sup> and August 5/03 holiday.

The City of Vaughan operated the camp in 2002 with full registration for all four-sessions with 42 participants in each session and full recovery of direct costs for the program.

**Conclusion**

The City of Vaughan's agreement with this private company will allow children to participate in English riding instruction focusing on a comprehensive horsemanship program where campers have the opportunity to experience all aspects of horse care. Instructors are qualified, experienced professionals dedicated to teaching equestrian skill in a fun and friendly format.

**Attachments**

None

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