

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE AUGUST 18, 2003

JOEY PANETTA PARK

Recommendation

Councillor Di Vona recommends:

1. Recommending that the City of Vaughan receive the concerns from residents in the vicinity of Joey Panetta Park.
2. City of Vaughan approves Committee meeting and to have a representative from the by-law department to attend.

Purpose

To address Joey Panetta Park and residents concerns for community safety.

Background - Analysis and Options

Residents have sent in a confidential letter to Councillor DiVona and Mayor DiBiase expressing their deep disappointment with the outstanding issues in this park: safety, security, vandalism, noise, underage drinking and loitering.

Conclusion

The residents in Ward 3 have several solutions they would like implemented:

1. Hire additional staff to patrol this specific district in Vaughan. Five people cannot effectively control the whole of Vaughan's parks. Geographically, it is too big.
3. Give duplicate keys to Park Patrol so they can come into the park with their vehicles.
3. Tow away illegal parked cars. Beware that teenagers have taken down many of the "NO Parking and NO Stopping" signs on Marietta and Belair Way.
4. Remove the Joey Panetta monument backing onto residences. Immediately take out the 24-hour light and bench.
5. Request meeting with local authorities including mayor, councilors, police, by-law enforcement and parks. If there were any damages to the park, you should make these kids responsible. If there was any littering, they should pick up the garbage.

In conclusion, the residents want to make their parks safe for their children to go to once again.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona