

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

ONTARIO CONFEDERATION OF SICILY – REQUEST FOR SPACE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services recommends:

That the City of Vaughan enter into an agreement with the Ontario Confederation of Sicily for the use of space at the Chancellor Community Centre; and

That a By-Law be enacted to authorize the execution of a license agreement upon the City Solicitor being satisfied with the terms of said agreement;

That any renovations to the facility to accommodate the Confederation be at their cost.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council authority to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Federation of Sicily for the exclusive use of space at the Chancellor Community Centre.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Ontario Confederation of Sicily has been looking for space in Vaughan to house their proposed library/cultural centre. At the Council meeting of June 9, 2003 staff were directed to provide “ a report addressing the space requirements and cost implications, prior to allocating the space”.

After considering various options, staff in consultation with representatives from the Confederation has determined that the best location is the Chancellor Community Centre. This Centre is a good location as a large expansion is planned for the Centre, and will be undertaken next year. Once the expansion is complete some space in the existing facility could be freed up for the Confederation.

The proposed space for their library is a room, which is currently being used as a youth drop-in centre. The youth area will be moved to a larger room, once the expansion is completed. In addition there is a smaller adjoining room, which could be used as an office/ boardroom area. Staff is proposing that these two rooms be given to the Confederation under a license agreement. The Confederation would pay the City the operating costs of their space, in addition to any renovation costs.

The Confederation is satisfied that this space will meet their needs at this time.

Conclusion

The Confederation of Sicily, which has a large Vaughan membership, is anxious to have a site confirmed as soon as possible.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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