

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE, JANUARY 6, 2003

PROGRAMME AGREEMENTS – REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF YORK & FAMILY DAY CARE SERVICES

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the Programs Manager of Recreation and Culture recommends:

That the City of Vaughan enter into agreements with the Regional Municipality of York and Family Day Care Services for the provision of services to meet the requirements of the National Child Benefit – Early Years Program and the Ontario Early Years Centers Community Plan for York Region;

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

Purpose

To provide Recreational opportunities at no cost to non-traditional users of preschool programs.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan is being funded to operate the Lunch Bunch program at the Maple Community Centre from January 1st to December 31st 2003. This represents the third year of funding for this program. The Lunch Bunch program offers parents/caregivers and their children a supportive play environment three times per week free of charge. This program averages 25 visitors per day and attracts non-traditional users of pre-school program due to the lack of a user fee and the opportunity to play in an unstructured setting. The program operates at no direct cost to the City of Vaughan and the total funding level proposed in the agreement is \$14,112.00

The City of Vaughan has been chosen to operate a Kindergym program at Dufferin Clark Community Centre and the Garnet A. Williams Community Centre. These programs will be offered at no charge to the community and are of a drop in nature attracting some non – traditional users of preschool programs. The program operates at no cost to the City of Vaughan and the total funding level proposed in the agreement is \$10,784.50.

Conclusion

These initiatives are very important to families in Vaughan who are unable to afford programs that are presently offered in the community. This partnership will allow these families to participate in recreational and leisure activities that they may not under normal circumstances are able to participate in. These initiatives are designed to support families with children aged 0 to 6.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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