

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 7, 2004

HALLOWEEN RELATED VANDALISM

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services in conjunction with the Senior Manager of Enforcement Services recommends that this item be received for information.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to Council Agenda Item 84, Report # 55 on June 28, 2004.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council at its meeting on June 28, 2004, requested information on how the Enforcement Services Department will be dealing with criminal and anti social activities on Halloween.

Halloween in 2003 saw a joint project being developed with York Regional Police and City of Vaughan Enforcement Services on October 30 and 31st. This project saw joint patrols with the two agencies with approximately 10 officers from each agency taking part.

This project was very effective, resulting in a number of charges on the night before Halloween, but no reports of major problems, and no charges on Halloween night.

In August 2004, York Regional Police and City of Vaughan Enforcement Services Department created Operation Turf, which essentially mimicked the Halloween project. This was a dry run for Halloween this year. It is expected that the same format from 2003 will be repeated in 2004.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council relating to addressing the safety of the citizens. The necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Enforcement Services has an existing operational plan to deter and prevent illegal and anti-social activities on Halloween nights.

Attachments

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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