

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 20, 2004**

### **SANTAFEST PARADE IN MAPLE**

#### **Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Mario F.Ferri recommends:

That Vaughan Council request the Region of York to permit the following temporary road closure for the Santafest Parade on Sunday November 28,2004 between the hours of 1:30 p.m. and 3:30p.m. along Major Mackenzie Drive between Hwy 400 to the Vaughan Civic Centre: and

That City staff be authorized to provide various services for this event, as well as any appropriate measures, such as temporary event related parking restrictions and similar actions subsequent to detailed event planning.

#### **Purpose**

To facilitate the community's request for road closure support of the Maple Santa Claus parade in Maple.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The Santafest Committee, comprised of several community groups, clubs, organizations, businesses and City staff, wish to hold its Fifth Annual Santafest Parade featuring, the ever popular, Santa Claus. The desired parade route would originate at Canada's Wonderland and proceed east along Major Mackenzie Drive to the Vaughan Civic Centre.

Major Mackenzie Drive is under the jurisdiction of the Region of York, accordingly, it will be necessary to obtain Regional approval and any required permits for this event.

The actual parade is predicted to last approximately one hour from start to finish. However, it is suggested that the parade route be closed to through movement, non-event related traffic between 1:30p.m. and 3:30p.m. on the event day. This would assist in orderly spectator arrival and departure along the parade route. Appropriate road detours to facilitate through traffic movement can be arranged and decided upon in upcoming liaison with the appropriate Regional staff.

City staff from various appropriate municipal departments will also be involved in activities such as the procurement of Regional Police assistance, media notification, detour signing and barricade provisions and any other similar requested assistance.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

#### **Conclusion**

Council's support through its request to the Region of York will ensure a safe and successful parade event.

**Attachments**

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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