

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 20, 2004

CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED) PROGRAM – UPCOMING WARD MEETINGS

Recommendation

The Safe City Committee recommends:

- 1) That Council direct Staff to advertise the “Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED)” information meetings to be held in each ward in the City Page and on the City’s website;
- 2) That the final dates for the CPTED information meetings for each ward be confirmed with the respective Local Councillor in consultation with the Safe City Committee and Corporate Communications;
- 3) That once the dates have been finalized, a notice be prepared and posted at all City of Vaughan community centres informing the public of the upcoming information meetings; and
- 4) That Council direct Staff to review the City of Mississauga’s guidelines relating to the integration of CPTED safety initiatives in the development application review process and provide a report on implementing a similar process in Vaughan.

Purpose

To provide information on the Crime Prevention Through environmental Design (CPTED) Program and to initiate the implementation of safety initiatives in the development application review process.

Background - Analysis and Options

Constable Morris Shaw, York Regional Police, attended the meeting of the Safe City Committee on September 9, 2004, to discuss the concepts and strategies of the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) Program.

The Safe City Committee believes that there is a need to increase public awareness to better educate residents about external natural surveillance and safety concepts that they can put into practice at their own residences. It was recommended that public meetings about the CPTED Program be scheduled to take place in all the wards in the City of Vaughan. Upon approval by Council of the ward meetings, dates and locations will be confirmed with the Local Councillors in consultation with the Safe City Committee and Corporate Communications.

At the Safe City Committee meeting, discussion ensued with respect to the need to have municipal employees trained in a CPTED course to raise the level of awareness of community safety initiatives that can be implemented through design. Members were advised that the City of Mississauga has in fact implemented some of the CPTED policies in its development review process, and the Safe City Committee wishes to receive information with respect to their guidelines and process. Implementing these policies into the City of Vaughan’s development review process would be beneficial to Vaughan.

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

Due to the beneficial nature to residents of information with respect to crime prevention through environmental design, the Safe City Committee is recommending that information meetings be scheduled at each ward, advertised in the City Page, posted on the City's website, and that notices be placed at all community centres informing the public of the upcoming meetings. Further, the Safe City Committee is recommending that staff review the City of Mississauga's guidelines relating to the integration of safety initiatives in the development review process and report on implementing a similar development review process in Vaughan.

Attachments

None

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona, Chair
Safe City Committee