

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 29, 2004

REQUEST FOR STAFF TO REVIEW ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS AS IT RELATES TO DITCHES IN OLD MAPLE

RECOMMENDATION

Councillor Peter Meffe recommends:

That staff be directed to report on alternative options that would allow ditches in Old Maple to be removed in accordance to strict City of Vaughan standards.

Purpose

The purpose of this recommendation is to provide Council with information in order to further explore the possibility for the controlled removal of ditches in Old Maple.

Background - Analysis and Options

Due to resident request to remove the ditches and the following ditch related problems:

1. Costs associated to the maintenance of ditches for water flow;
2. Build up of leaves, silt and mulch which needs to be addressed continually;
3. Possible health risks such as West Nile Virus as these ditches are mosquito breeding grounds; and
4. Approximately 25 homeowners have already eliminated the ditches which potentially may not be to City of Vaughan standards.

Various options might be, but are not limited to the following:

1. City Works Project;
2. Home Owner Project to City Standards; and
3. Local Improvement Project.

Level ditches to be considered only, curbs and sidewalks shall not be included.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

That the City of Vaughan staff conduct their analysis and report back to Council with their recommendations and findings with respect to the elimination of the ditches in Old Maple.

Attachments

Letter from resident, Gerry Schiller (Confidential)

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Respectfully submitted,

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