

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 5, 2006**

### **CAPITAL REQUEST RE BOCCE COURTS AT ALEXANDER ELISA PARK**

#### **Recommendation:**

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that the attached petition requesting the development of indoor bocce courts (or, in the alternative, the enclosure of one or more of the outdoor bocce courts) at Alexander Elisa Park be received, along with a letter of support from the Pine York Seniors Club; and that this item be referred to the Budget Committee for its consideration, as part of the 2007 Capital Budget process.

#### **Economic Impact:**

To be determined by appropriate staff, and included with information provided to the Budget Committee, with various options (constructing enclosed courts or enclosing existing outdoor courts or a combination thereof) detailed.

#### **Purpose:**

To address the request of the petitioners in respect of a long-standing proposed capital improvement.

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

Alexander Elisa Park is the only such municipal facility within the Pine York subdivision (located in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Pine Valley Drive and Regional Road 7, and bound by Jersey Creek to the west and Highway 407 to the south). It features outdoor bocce courts which are used by the local community during the warmer months, but are otherwise of no use in colder weather.

For some years (almost twenty according to the Pine York Seniors Club), the local community has wished to see indoor courts at this location. This request might be met by constructing a set of enclosed courts, or enclosing one or more of the existing (outdoor) courts. Details of such options need to be provided to the Budget Committee, to permit its full consideration of the petitioners' request as part of the 2007 Capital Budget process.

#### **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:**

Once appropriate staff address the feasibility of various options and their estimated costs, the attached petition regarding the development of indoor bocce courts at Alexander Elisa Park is to be referred to the Budget Committee, as part of the 2007 Capital Budget process.

#### **Attachments:**

1. Letter from the Pine York Seniors Club, August 3, 2006
2. Petition re Indoor/Outdoor Bocce Courts at Tall Grass Trail Park (Alexander Elisa Park)

**Report prepared by:**

Councillor Tony Carella

**Respectfully submitted:**

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August 3, 2006

Mr. Tony Carella  
Councilor Ward 2  
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Dear Councilor Carella,

Pine York Seniors Club members have asked me to put through a request for an indoor/outdoor bocce court located at the Elsa Park on Tall Grass Trail. This request was first presented almost 20 years ago and it was never resolved.

Presently at the park is an outdoor type 2 bocce courts with a storage locked area and besides is a portable washroom. Can it be possible to have an indoor bocce court so that the club members as well as the residents in the community could use it all year long?

Many seniors find the winter too long and do not exercise as much. By having a bocce court indoor this will enable them to exercise and walk a lot more than just staying inside and playing cards all the time. The bocce courts will create a lot of activity for men and women, because it will also enable them to hold tournaments not only within our club and with other clubs in the vicinity.

Attached are signatures of interested club members and residents who live in the vicinity who strongly feel this would benefit to everyone in the community.

Your attention to this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

  
Isabella Ferrara  
Vice-President  
Pine York Seniors Club

Attachment



**NOTICE OF PETITION**

**A petition has been submitted with respect to the following matter and a copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk:**

**Agenda Item No.:** 12

**Item Name:** CAPITAL REQUEST RE BOCCE COURTS  
AT ALEXANDER ELISA PARK

**Particulars of the Petition:**

**Dated:** August 3, 2006

**No. of Signatures:** 392

**Submitted by:** Pine York Seniors Club

For a copy of the petition contact:

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