

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

### **VILLA GIARDINO BOCCE COURTS**

#### **Recommendation**

That Mayor Michael Di Biase in consultation with Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Ward 1 Councillor Peter Meffe recommend:

1. That the 2006 Bocce Court budget be increased by \$90,000, less any uncommitted funds in that project and less any grant funds that may be received, for the construction of two (2) bocce courts on the Vaughan Sports Village Park to serve the local community; and,
2. That staff work with the Condominium Corporation to submit a joint grant application to the Trillium Foundation;
3. That the inclusion of this matter on a public Committee agenda with respect to increasing the capital budget for project 8056-0-05 be deemed sufficient notice pursuant to Section 2(1)c of by-law 394-2002.

#### **Economic Impact**

That project 8056-0-05, Bocce Court Repair be increased by \$90,000.00 from year-end surpluses, less any project funds uncommitted to-date and less any grants that may be forthcoming.

#### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to provide direction to staff to increase the budget and work with the Condominium Corporation to submit a joint application for constructing two (2) bocce courts on the Vaughan Sports Village Park to serve the local community.

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

The residents of the area, in particular the older adult's residing in the condominiums. expressed the need for two bocce courts in their area as they have limited or no access to other bocce courts located in the vicinity.

A group of over 100 residents also expressed their desire to organize community bocce tournaments and use the facility to teach and encourage young children and other adults to play and enjoy the game. This has the benefit of allowing them to remain active in their retirement years while contributing to their community.

Previously, the Condominium Corporation at 2500 Rutherford Road submitted a Trillium Grant application in hopes of securing capital funding from the Provincial Government to construct bocce courts in close proximity to their buildings. Anticipating the grant to the Condominium Corporation would forthcoming the project was not included in the City's 2006 Capital Budget. The bocce courts were envisioned to promote recreational participation for the residents of the condominiums and others in the community. It is also envisioned that the courts will become a gathering area for the community.

This Trillium Grant application was unfortunately turned down for this session of project deliberations. The group, with the support of the City will be re-submitting the application with the intention of having capital funds approved through the grant process. If the Condominium Corporation is successful, any funds received would be assigned to the City.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This request is consistent with Vaughan Vision 2007 as it serves to promote community safety, health and wellness (A-2). The funds for this project have not been approved.

**Conclusion**

That Council increase the budget and authorize staff to work with the Condominium Corporation to submit a joint grant application for constructing two (2) bocce courts on the Vaughan Sports Village Park to serve the local community.

**Attachments**

N/A

**Report prepared by:**

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Michael DiBiase