

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE SEPTEMBER 5, 2006

MECHANISMS FOR REDUCING POLLUTION

In response to concerns from students at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School, Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. THAT the City of Vaughan endorse efforts by the school to promote environmentally friendly means of transportation, such as VIVA, subway, walking or riding a bicycle, and;
2. THAT the City of Vaughan endorse the efforts of the school to lobby car manufacturers to manufacture solar powered cars, and;
3. THAT a copy of this endorsement be sent to Mrs. Marenelli at Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School.

Economic Impact

N/A

Purpose

To support the school's efforts to promote environmentally friendly means of transportation, especially the creation and manufacturing of solar powered vehicles.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting of May 12, 2006 – a student from Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Elementary School – Tony Nims – addressed Council on behalf of his Grade 5 Class. At the time, he requested that Council members consider promoting car manufacturers to build and market solar powered cars as a means of reducing pollution in our country.

Further to that, Mr. Nims requested that Council consider endorsing the school's efforts to get people to use other environmentally friendly means of transportation such as (but not limited to) VIVA transit, the subway, and walking.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2 – Promote Community, Safety, Health & Wellness

A-3 – Safeguard our Environment

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

Conclusion

Given the City of Vaughan's commitment towards promoting a healthy environment, as evidenced by our collective efforts working with Greening Vaughan, promoting the Spadina-York Subway extension, VIVA etc, it is appropriate that Council endorse the efforts of the school in promoting environmentally friendly means of transportation.

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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