

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 18, 2006

**SAFE CITY COMMITTEE ACCOMPLISHMENTS
2003 – 2006 TERM**

Recommendation

Councillor Di Vona recommends:

That the following report be received.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact associated with this report.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the accomplishments of the Safe City Committee for the 2003 – 2006 Term.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council approved that all non-statutory committees submit to Committee of the Whole a summary of its accomplishments over the three (3) year term, prior to the expiry of the term. The attached contains a summary of the Safe City Committee's accomplishments for the term.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council by serving our citizens and promoting community safety, health and wellness.

Conclusion

As directed by Council, the Safe City Committee's accomplishments are attached for Council's information.

Attachments

1. Safe City Committee Accomplishments

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Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Bernie Di Vona
Chair, Safe City Committee

**Safe City Committee
Accomplishments 2003 – 2006 Term**

Park Ambassador

The Safe City Committee implemented, and oversees, the Park Ambassador Program. Community volunteers walk through their neighbourhood park and alert Police and the City's Enforcement Services, of acts of vandalism, unruly behaviour, and damage to park playground and equipment.

Road Watch

The Safe City Committee established the Road Watch Program in Vaughan in partnership with the City of Vaughan, York Regional Police, the Ministry of Transportation, the Regional Municipality of York, and area businesses. The Program gives residents an opportunity to report aggressive and unsafe driving to the police through the use of citizen report forms.

"Caring for Vaughan" Survey

The Safe City Committee developed a survey and study to determine residents' perception and attitude regarding community safety in the City of Vaughan. The survey was distributed in the summer of 2005 through various sources, and was also available to residents on the City's website. Responses to the survey were collected and a report published with the results. The survey report was presented to Council, provided to various community groups, and is available on the City's website.

CEPTED Public Information Meetings by Ward

In 2005, each Ward Councillor hosted a community meeting organized by the Safe City Committee to provide information to citizens regarding the basic concepts of "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design" CEPTED.

Positive Ticket Program

The Safe City Committee in partnership with York Regional Police launched the "Positive Ticket Program" which rewards citizens with "tickets" for good behaviour and positive deeds. Citizens who perform acts of goodness are given a ticket along with a coupon valid at a local eatery.