

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MARCH 26, 2007

VELLORE VILLAGE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services in consultation with the York Catholic District School Board, the Director of Parks Operations and Forestry and the Director of Parks Development recommend:

1. That the construction of an asphalt walkway to connect the Fossil Hill Park walkway system to the St. Agnes of Assisi School asphalt area be approved; and,
2. That the installation of a 50m long, 1.2m high black vinyl chain link fence along the common park/school property line be approved; and,
3. That \$15,000.00 be added to the 2007 Parks Operations and Forestry operating budget and \$7,500.00 be added to recoveries for the construction of the walkway and chain link fencing.

Economic Impact

There will be a net impact of approximately \$7,500.00 on the 2007 Parks Operations and Forestry operating budget. The York Catholic School Board has committed to reimburse the City of Vaughan \$7,500.00 for their estimated share of the work.

Communications Plan

Parks Development staff met with Ms. Gina Covello, a representative of the St. Agnes of Assisi School Parent Council and author of the petition dated December 6, 2006 and Mr. Domenic Naccarato, the Principal of St. Agnes of Assisi School on Thursday, February 8, 2007 to determine the full scope of the request. On Friday, February 9, 2007, Mr. Mario Covatta, Manager of Construction Services the York Catholic District School Board was contacted regarding shared funding of the proposed work.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to review and address safety concerns raised by the St. Agnes of Assisi School Parent Council in correspondence dated December 6, 2006 regarding Fossil Hill Park and the St. Agnes of Assisi School site.

Background - Analysis and Options

Council, at its meeting of February 12, 2007, adopted Item 13, Committee of the Whole February 5, 2007, Report No. 5, Vellore Village Safety Improvements and directed City of Vaughan Parks Development staff to consult with the York Catholic District School Board to review a request for a walkway and fencing in Fossil Hill Park and St. Agnes of Assisi School to address community safety concerns.

Parks Development staff met with a representative of the St. Agnes of Assisi School Parent Council and the Principal of St. Agnes of Assisi School on Thursday, February 8, 2007 to determine the full scope of the request (refer to Attachment 'A').

Based on the request, the estimated cost to implement these works is \$15,000.00 which will be shared by the City of Vaughan and the York Catholic District School Board. The York Catholic District School Board has committed to reimburse the City of Vaughan ½ of the tendered value of

the construction of the asphalt walkway and chain link fencing (refer to Attachment 'B').. If approved, implementation would commence in the Summer of 2007.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

The provision of an asphalt walkway and fencing at Fossil Hill Park and St. Agnes of Assisi School is consistent with Vaughan Vision as it acts to serve our citizens through the promotion of community safety, health, and wellness.

This report recommends a change from the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have not been allocated.

Conclusion

That the implementation of an asphalt walkway and 1.2m high chain link fence at at Fossil Hill Park and St. Agnes of Assisi School to address safety concerns be approved and that \$15,000.00 be added to the 2007 Parks Operations and Forestry operating budget to facilitate these works.

Attachments

- A. Fossil Hill Park and St. Agnes of Assisi School – Ortho Photograph
- B. Letter from Mario Covatta, CET Manager of Construction Services, YCDSB

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Respectfully submitted,

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Commissioner of Community Services





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Attention: Mr. Paul Gardner, O.A.L.A.
Director, Parks Development

Re: St. Agnes of Assisi CES/ Fossil Hill Park

Dear Sir:

As previously discussed, we will commit to one half the tendered value of the walkway and fence to a maximum of \$7500.00 on the above subject property. Thank you and please let me know when you will be ready to tender the work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mario Covatta".

Mario Covatta, CET.
Manager of Construction Services

Susan F. LaRosa
Director of Education