

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 14, 2007

CITY OF VAUGHAN SCHOOL PROFICIENCY AWARD

Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco recommends:

1. That the City of Vaughan continue with the School Proficiency award in 2007 and in future years, until otherwise decided;
2. That all secondary schools in the City of Vaughan be advised of the Award and of the City's continued participation of this award in future years; and
3. That the City budget for these awards in 2007 and in future budgets.

Economic Impact

There are currently 11 secondary schools in the City of Vaughan, and at \$100.00 per award, this would have an impact of \$1100.00 to the Council Corporate Budget. In 2006 eight awards were distributed for a total of \$800.

Communications Plan

The City of Vaughan will communicate with all secondary schools in the municipality to inform them of the award and the City's continued commitment to the award.

Purpose

To receive Council support and endorsement of the City of Vaughan School Proficiency Award.

Background - Analysis and Options

During the past term and even years prior to the last term, the City of Vaughan distributed a School Proficiency Award to all secondary schools in Vaughan. The award consisted of a \$100.00 scholarship cheque and a plaque to be distributed to a student of the school's choice that meets their proficiency criteria.

My office confirmed that in 2006 eight awards were distributed, and the monies were charged to the Council Corporate Budget. Schools have started to inquire into the Award and coordinating the presentation of the Award with their Commencement ceremonies in June. My office was informed by the Mayor's office that we are no longer continuing with this Award. Due to the fact that the schools are anticipating this award, and have started to plan for it, it would send out a negative statement to eliminate this award at this short notice. As well, the City of Vaughan should be proud to promote education and excellence in education through the promotion of this award.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

A-2: Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

D-2: Develop Internal/External Collaborative Solutions

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

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Due to the benefit and popularity of this award, it would be a shame to discontinue it at such short notice, and we should continue to show our support for this award and for the secondary schools in the City of Vaughan.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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