

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - SEPTEMBER 4, 2007

APPOINTMENT OF VAUGHAN YOUTH CITY COUNCILLOR FOR THE SEPTEMBER 2007 TO JANUARY 2008 TERM OF OFFICE

Recommendation

The Deputy City Clerk, in consultation with the City Clerk and the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services/City Solicitor, recommends:

That Council provide direction with respect to the appointment of a Vaughan Youth City Councillor for the September 2007 to January 2008 Term of Office.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as any incidental expenses can be absorbed within the approved departmental budget.

Communications Plan

Media releases will be sent out upon appointment.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to consider applications for the position of Vaughan Youth City Councillor.

Background - Analysis and Options

Pursuant to the *Vaughan Youth City Councillor Roles and Responsibilities* approved by Council in June 2006, application packages were forwarded to appropriate staff at the York Catholic District School Board and the York Region District School Board in February 2007 for distribution to the Co-operative Education Teachers in Vaughan under their respective areas of responsibility. As no applications were received by the April 20th deadline, the deadline was extended to June 29, 2007. In addition to the deadline extension, Corporate Communications sent out media releases and local newspapers ran stories on the Vaughan Youth City Councillor position.

The position of Vaughan Youth City Councillor is linked to a 2-credit afternoon co-op program and affords students a unique opportunity to become involved in politics at the municipal level, while at the same time developing and/or enhancing their leadership skills, people skills and communication skills. More importantly the Youth City Councillor, as an advocate for youth, is in a position to bring youth related issues and concerns to Council's attention, as well as report on achievements/successes of youth in Vaughan.

Eligibility requirements include: residency in Vaughan; a Grade 12 student enrolled in a high school in Vaughan; a high academic standing with demonstrated leadership qualities as a member on Student Council or a community organization; taken or interested in taking courses such as civics, law, history and social science and an interest in pursuing a law or political science degree.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Regional Implications

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Council direction is requested with respect to the appointment of a Vaughan Youth City Councillor for the September 2007 to January 2008 Term of Office.

Attachments

Application (Confidential – Members of Council only under separate cover)

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