

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – DECEMBER 03, 2007

**2008 CANADIAN NATIONAL PEE WEE CHAMPIONSHIPS
REQUEST FOR FUNDING ASSISTANCE AND IRRIGATION SYSTEM**

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Directors of Parks Development, Reserves and Investments, Budgeting and Financial Planning and Corporate Communications and the Manager of Tourism recommends:

- 1) That this report be received for information purposes; and,
- 2) That the Committee of the Whole forwards the request from Vaughan Baseball Association for funding in the 2008 operating budget for \$35,000.00 to the Budget Committee for consideration.

Economic Impact

There will be a one time impact of \$35,000.00 on the operating budget (taxation) should Council approve the additional funding request from Vaughan Baseball Association as part of the 2008 budget. The capital request for the implementation of the irrigation system at Concord Thornhill Regional Park for \$61,800.00, is included in the 2008 capital budget.

Communications Plan

Corporate Communications is assisting the Vaughan Baseball Association in providing communications and logistical support to set up a press conference to announce the hosting of the 2008 Canadian National Pee Wee Championships on Wednesday, Dec. 5, 2007 at the City of Vaughan Civic Centre.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with additional information regarding the request for funding assistance and for the requirement for implementation of irrigation of baseball diamonds.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Committee of the Whole meeting of November 5, 2007, Mr. Dirk Driberg of the Vaughan Baseball Association made a deputation requesting funding assistance for the 2008 Canadian National Pee Wee Championships including support for transportation, communications, temporary facilities and security / traffic measures. Based on the deputation, Council directed staff to meet with Mr. Driberg and to provide additional information regarding the request for funding assistance and for the requirement for implementation of irrigation of the baseball diamonds.

Mr. Driberg provided the following breakdown of the items which comprise the \$35,000 funding assistance request:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Detail</u>	<u>Estimated Costs</u>
Transportation	Obligated to transport the 9 teams to and from games (require 2-3 buses)	\$15,000

Communications	Required to promote the tournament (print media, banners and media event)	\$10,000
Temporary Facilities	2 trailers required to be set up on-site as tournament headquarters and full service portable washrooms	\$ 5,000
Security / Traffic	Require security services each of the 5 evenings and pay duty police officers during the daytime for the duration of the event and traffic barricades	\$ 5,000
Total		\$35,000

The request in the amount of \$35,000 would be subject to Budget Committee consideration during the 2008 budget deliberations. The \$35,000 impact will be a one time increase affecting the 2008 operating budget only.

In addition to the above funding assistance request, Mr. Driberg noted that both baseball diamonds at Concord Thornhill Regional Park need to be irrigated to meet the tournament standards criteria. As identified in the Committee of the Whole additional information item dated June 19, 2006, staff had requested funding for the premium baseball diamond irrigation system. A 2008 capital request for \$61,800 has been made to affect these modifications to the diamonds at Concord Thornhill Regional Park. Staff have made this request a top priority in the 2008 capital budget. Should Council approve this capital request during the 2008 budget deliberations for the implementation of the irrigation system at Concord Thornhill Regional Park prior to the beginning of March 2008, staff will be in a position to have contractors implement the irrigation system in time for the 2008 baseball permit season and be operational and supportive of the ongoing cultural practices throughout the summer of 2008 leading up to the tournament.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council to serve our citizens and promote and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

That Council receive this report for information, and that Budget Committee consider a request for funding in the 2008 operating budget for \$35,000.00 in support of the 2008 Canadian National Pee Wee Championships.

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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