

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 20, 2009

NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK - VAUGHAN YOUTH WEEK - MAY 2 - 9, 2009

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services and Director of Recreation and Culture, in consultation with the Area Recreation Managers, recommend:

- 1) That Council proclaim the week of May 2 – 9, 2009, as “Vaughan Youth Week” in the City of Vaughan; and,
- 2) That the **Vaughan Youth Week 2009 Activity Poster** (Attachment 1), outlining the youth-based activities and events scheduled to be held during Vaughan Youth Week at community centres across the city, be received.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact related to this report. Funding for the youth programs and initiatives indicated in this report has been incorporated into the 2009 Recreation and Culture base operating budget.

Communications Plan

The proclamation of Vaughan Youth Week 2009, including a schedule of Youth Week activities and events, will be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Further, a Vaughan Youth Week 2009 Activity Poster will be distributed to Vaughan based elementary and secondary schools and made available throughout City libraries and community centres, specifically within youth rooms and on community display boards. Outreach to community groups, cultural organizations and businesses will take place via poster distribution and a news release.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request that Council proclaim May 2 – 9, 2009 as “Vaughan Youth Week” in the City of Vaughan, and to present an overview of the youth-based activities and events scheduled to be held at community centres across the city, as organized by the Recreation and Culture Department in partnership with the York Region School Boards of Education, community groups and local businesses.

Background - Analysis and Options

National Youth Week – May 2 – 9, 2009

The Canadian Parks and Recreation Association has joined the international community to declare the first full week of May as National Youth Week in Canada. National Youth Week is an international initiative acknowledging, celebrating, and advocating youth empowerment, achievement and involvement. It is a week of fun, interaction and celebration intending to strengthen the connection between young people and their communities. The City of Vaughan is participating in this initiative to celebrate the importance of youth and their contributions that make the City of Vaughan a great place to live.

In 2009, the Recreation and Culture Department will celebrate Vaughan Youth Week from May 2 – May 9, 2009. A variety of activities are scheduled at City community centres, including:

- The Vaughan Youth Pursuit (an ‘amazing race’) at Chancellor Community Centre;
- Bowl 4 a Buddy at Maple Community Centre;
- Bocce tournaments for youth with special needs at Vaughan Bocce and Recreation Centre;
- Youth vs. Celebrity Basketball game at Rosemount Community Centre;
- Battle of the Bands at Vellore Village Community Centre;
- All-star week at Al Palladini Community Centre featuring a basketball challenge;
- Recreational bocce at Father Ermanno Bulfon Community Centre;
- Free Youth Day in the Fitness Centre at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre; and
- Youth Explosion Cultural Fair at Dufferin Clark Community Centre.

Each of these events is based on providing opportunities for youth engagement within their community. The Active Together Master Plan noted there is a strong demand for programmes serving youth as this age group will continue to expand in the next 25 years. It also noted that many municipalities are challenged in their quest to offer teen programme. The efforts outlined in this report are a response to that challenge and in keeping with the *Youth in Action – Youth Strategy 2009 & Beyond* report recently completed by the Recreation and Culture Department.

Working with youth in providing a broad venue of positive environments for youth to express their ideas and needs, we achieve a greater degree of success. Vaughan Youth Week will highlight the City of Vaughan as a Youth Friendly Community and will continue to provide opportunities to develop partnerships with businesses and community groups that support youth in Vaughan community.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

- STRATEGIC GOAL
Service Excellence – Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness – To deliver high quality services and promote health and wellness through design and program.

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

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

Council approval is being sought to proclaim the week of May 2 – 9, 2009 as “Vaughan Youth Week” in the City of Vaughan. The Recreation and Culture Department plans to host Youth Week initiatives as outlined in this report with the intention of fostering positive lifestyle choices among youth by recognizing, celebrating and advocating their empowerment, achievement and involvement within the Vaughan community.

Attachments

1. Vaughan Youth Week 2009 Poster

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Respectfully submitted,

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FREE Activities*

AL PALLADINI COMMUNITY CENTRE

ALL-STAR WEEK!

MONDAY, MAY 4

11am: **OPENING CEREMONIES** All Ages
POINT GUARD CHALLENGE
Show off your skills! Ages: 14 - 17

TUESDAY, MAY 5

11am: **2-BALL CONTEST:** *Who has the quickest draw?* Ages: 14 - 17

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

11am: **3-POINT SHOOT OUT** Ages: 14 - 17
Who's our 'numba one gunna'?

THURSDAY, MAY 7

11am: **DUNK-OFF:** *Who's got the hops?* Ages: 14 - 17

FRIDAY, MAY 8

2:30pm: **AL PAL'S ALL-STAR OUTDOOR 3-ON-3** Ages: 14 - 17

CHANCELLOR COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY, MAY 2

10am - 3pm: **YOUTH PURSUIT** (Fee applies) Ages: 10 - 13; 14 - 17

TUESDAY, MAY 5

7 - 8pm: **HIP HOP CHALLENGE** Ages: 10 - 13

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

7 - 7:45pm: **GIRLS FITNESS CHALLENGE** Ages: 14 - 17

THURSDAY, MAY 7

3:30 - 5:30pm: **YOUTH BASKETBALL**

5:30 - 7:30pm: **BASKETBALL SKILLS & DRILLS** Ages: 10 - 17

YOUTH ROOM: Monday - Friday: 4:00 - 6:30pm;
 Saturday & Sunday: 1:00 - 3:00pm

YOUTH BASKETBALL: Monday - Friday: 3:30 - 6:00pm;
 Saturday: 1:00 - 3:00pm



Leading the way for youth to strive through positive direction!

Follow Vaughan Youth Week on Twitter at: [YouthWeekCOV](#)

DUFFERIN CLARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

4 - 7pm: **3-ON-3 JUNIOR BALL TAKEOVER** Ages: 11 - 13
 Think you've got game? Then bring it to the court! Awesome prizes for the top two teams of 4 (3 players; 1 sub) that take-over the court!
 Registration Deadline: Friday, April 17

FRIDAY, MAY 8

3:30 - 7pm: **YOUTH BASKETBALL EXPLOSION** Ages: 14 - 17
 Great prizes awarded to the top 3 teams of 4 (3 players; 1 sub) in the 2nd Annual Basketball Explosion! Registration Deadline: Friday, April 17

3:30 - 7:30pm: **YOUTH EXPLOSION CULTURAL FAIR** Ages: 11 - 17
 An opportunity to sample unique foods from various Vaughan cultural groups. Some dishes will be created on-site, while others will be homemade secret recipes.

YOUTH ROOM: Monday - Friday: 3:00 - 8:00pm

FR. ERMANNIO BULFON COMMUNITY CENTRE

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

4 - 6pm: **3-ON-3 BASKETBALL** Ages: 13 - 16

THURSDAY, MAY 7

9 - 11:30am: **RECREATIONAL BOCCIE** Ages: 10 - 13

YOUTH ROOM: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 5:00 - 7:00pm

GARNET A. WILLIAMS COMMUNITY CENTRE

TUESDAY, MAY 5

3 - 6pm: **FREE YOUTH DAY in FITNESS CENTRES** Ages: 14 - 17

4 - 6:30pm: **INDOOR SOCCER TOURNAMENT** Ages: 13 - 17

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

5:30 - 7pm: **DING DONG BALL TOURNAMENT** Ages: 13 - 17

THURSDAY, MAY 7

3 - 6pm: **FREE YOUTH DAY in FITNESS CENTRES** Ages: 14 - 17

MAPLE COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY, MAY 2

4 - 6pm: **STEVE NASH BASKETBALL SKILLS COMPETITION** Ages: 10 - 12

MONDAY, MAY 4

11am - 2pm: **BOWL-4-A-BUDDY:** Maple High School; St. David Catholic High School; St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School

TUESDAY, MAY 5

11am - 2pm: **BOWL-4-A-BUDDY:** Maple High School; St. David Catholic High School; St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

11am - 2pm: **BOWL-4-A-BUDDY:** Maple High School; St. David Catholic High School; St. Joan of Arc Catholic High School

5:30 - 8pm: **FUN CLUB** Ages: 16+
 Inclusive social activities for individuals with disabilities (e.g. karaoke, bowling, arts & crafts, games)

Maple Community Centre: Continued

THURSDAY, MAY 7

11am - 1pm: **BOBBY MOTTA MAGIC:** Maple High School

YOUTH ROOM: Monday - Friday: 11:00am - 1:00pm; 4:00 - 7:00pm

ROSEMOUNT COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY, MAY 2

2 - 4pm: **GIVE & GO CELEBRITY YOUTH BASKETBALL** Ages: 14 - 17

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

3:30pm: **DJ CLINIC** Ages: 11 - 17

FRIDAY, MAY 6

11:30am & 12:45pm: **PING PONG LUNCH TOURNAMENT** Ages: 13 - 17

YOUTH ROOM: Monday - Friday: 11:30am - 2:00pm; 3:30 - 6:00pm

VAUGHAN BOCCÉ & RECREATION CENTRE

TUESDAY, MAY 5 - THURSDAY, MAY 7

9:30 - 11:30am: **INVITATIONAL INCLUSIVE BOCCIE TOURNAMENT** (Fee applies)

For more information contact Mihaela Neagoe at 905-832-2377 ext.7405.

VELLORE VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE

SATURDAY, MAY 2

9am - 4pm: **VOLLEYBALL SKILL DEVELOPMENT** Ages: 10 - 14
 with the *Vaughan Wolf Pack OVA* team

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8:30am - 5pm: **TAEKWONDO TOURNAMENT** Ages: 6 - 17

TUESDAY, MAY 5

5 - 9pm: **LEARNING THE GAMES** Ages: 10 - 17

7 - 9pm: **DRAMATIC PLAY PERFORMANCE** All Ages
 by the St. Jean de Brébeuf drama team

THURSDAY, MAY 7

5 - 9pm: **LEARNING THE GAMES** Ages: 10 - 17

FRIDAY, MAY 8

5 - 9:30pm: **BALL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT** Ages: 10 - 14

SATURDAY, MAY 9

5 - 10:30pm: **ROCK CONCERT - BATTLE OF THE BANDS** All Ages

YOUTH ROOM: Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 11:00am - 1:00pm & 6:00 - 8:00pm; Sunday: 11:30am - 1:00pm

* Except where noted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL 905-832-8500 OR VISIT WWW.VAUGHAN.CA.