

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 23, 2010

VAUGHAN SENIORS POOL MEMBERSHIPS

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that appropriate staff be directed to investigate and report back on the impact of the implementation of a 20% discount, currently enjoyed by Vaughan seniors who have fitness centre memberships, being extended to those Vaughan seniors who have pool memberships only such extension to be effective July 1, 2010.

Contribution to Sustainability

The more attractive the price of using fitness facilities such as a swimming pool is, the greater the use of such facilities and the corresponding health benefit to users.

Economic Impact

Staff will report back.

Communication Plan

Members will be advised accordingly.

Purpose

To request the extension of the 20% discount currently in place for seniors fitness centre memberships to pool memberships.

Background - Analysis and Options

The City of Vaughan has been highly responsive to appeals from its seniors when it comes to making city recreational facilities affordable. In recent years, the annual fee for bocce court use dropped from \$55.00 to \$15.00. Similarly, last year Council ordered a 20% discount to seniors who make use of the fitness centre facilities at our community centres.

Mr Charles Camilleri recently brought to the attention of city officials that seniors who are exclusively users of city pools (ie pool memberships) do not enjoy the same discount as do those who use both fitness centres. and he has requested that the city correct what he views as a situation unfair to those who use pools only.

Regional Implications

None

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Conclusion

It is appropriate that Council extend the 20% discount to seniors who purchase pool memberships to be consistent with the treatment of fitness centre and bocce memberships.

Attachments

E-mail of Mr C. Camilleri, dated January 13, 2010

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Councillor Tony Carella, FRSA

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment

Cardile, Lucy

From: Charles Camilleri [camilleri29@rogers.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 13, 2010 3:49 PM
To: Carella, Tony
Cc: Reali, Mary
Subject: Charles Camilleri

Hello Mr. Tony Carella. Jan. 13, 2010

Thank you for attending the meeting of Jan 13, 2010 at F.E.B.C.C. at 12:30 p.m.

I am requesting that you as our ward councillor, please bring forward a motion to all council and the mayor to put in place a 20% fee reduction to all senior members in Vaughan having a pool membership only in Vaughan's community centres. Last year a 20% discount was discounted to seniors who possess a membership to the gym and pool facilities but not to seniors having only the pool membership. This we found to be very unfair. The bocce group was given an enormous yearly discount from \$55 to \$15 / year last year. I hope that the city will include these seniors for a fee reduction and help them to maintain their healthy life styles as much as possible.
Citizens First Through Service Excellence is a great motto.

Thank you for your consideration mayor and all councillors.

Charles Camilleri