



## MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

<b>Date:</b>	<b>JUNE 14, 2011 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>FINALIZING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL SOCCER FIELDS IN WOODBRIDGE WEST (WARD 2)</b>
<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Councillor Tony Carella</b>

**Whereas**, Active Together, the City of Vaughan's recreational master plan, has identified an ongoing need for additional soccer fields over the remaining twenty year term of the plan---an indicator of the projected sustained interest in soccer as an organized sport; and

**Whereas**, the City desires to meet the demand for additional soccer fields in a pro-active manner; and

**Whereas**, lands belonging to the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC), situated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Regional Road 27 (Highway 27) and Milani Boulevard/Nickle Gate, were identified over two years ago as a potential location for one or more natural or artificial turf soccer fields(see attached extracts); and

**Whereas**, in furtherance of a plan to develop this site for such fields the City of Vaughan has been engaged in negotiations with ORC over the past year, to obtain a license for this purpose; and

**Whereas**, ORC has recently indicated that the said license (or agreement) cannot be executed by the ORC until an archeological assessment has been made of the property in question;

**It is therefore resolved**, THAT staff be directed to arrange immediately for the required archeological assessment, and

THAT upon the completion of an archeological assessment satisfactory to the ORC, appropriate staff immediately arrange for the final execution of the aforementioned licensing agreement with ORC to allow City staff to assess the feasibility and estimated costs for soccer fields at this location.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Carella, FRSA  
Councillor – Ward 2/Woodbridge West

Attachment – Extract, Item 33, Report No. 21 of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted with out amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 18, 2010.

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Item 33, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 18, 2010.

**33            INCREASING THE NUMBER OF SOCCER FIELDS IN VAUGHAN – WARD 2**  
(Referred Item)

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1)        That the report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated April 20, 2010, be received; and
- 2)        That the written submission of Councillor Carella, entitled "*Committee of the Whole – May 11, 2010 Re: Item 33, Increasing the Number of Soccer Fields in Vaughan – Ward 2*", be received.

Council, at its meeting of May 4, 2010, adopted the following (Item 34, Report No. 17):

That this matter be referred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 11, 2010, in accordance with the memorandum of Councillor Carella, dated April 19, 2010.

Report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated April 20, 2010

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Parks Development, Director of Parks Operations and Forestry and the Director of Legal Services, recommends:

- 1)        That the following report and the confidential memo (Attachment 1) be received for information; and
- 2)        That staff will report to Council when further details have been determined.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan; Objective 4.1:

- 4.1.6    Provide more partnership opportunities for existing non-profit and volunteer groups to meet the community's social, cultural and recreational needs.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from Council receiving this information report.

Communications Plan

The Parks Operations and Forestry Department will continue to communicate and inform the Woodbridge Soccer Club as it relates to this matter.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to respond to Council direction for a report.

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Background - Analysis and Options

On March 23, 2010, Committee of the Whole requested that staff be directed to provide a report in response to the suggestions from Mr. Sal Infante, President, Woodbridge Soccer Club (refer to Attachment A). On April 13, 2010, Council directed that staff provide a report to the Committee of the Whole on April 20, 2010.

- 1) The feasibility of converting the former tennis court lands at the rear of Holy Cross Catholic Academy to a mini-soccer field; and
- 2) The potential conversion of vacant land owned by the Ontario Realty Corporation (situated in the southwest quadrant of the intersection of Regional Road 27 and Milani Boulevard) to an artificial or turf soccer field or fields; the potential timing of such conversion; and the funding and an other options available to the City in pursuing this development; and that
- 3) The requested report be provided to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 20, 2010.

Staff has reviewed the matter and can provide the following information.

Holy Cross Catholic Academy

The tennis court facility was located on the Holy Cross Catholic Academy site, on the east side of Martingrove Road, south of Highway 7 (refer to Attachment B). The court facility has been previously removed and the area restored with topsoil and sod by the York District Catholic School Board. Staff have contacted the York Catholic District School Board and requested the parties look at options to partner to renovate this area and convert the space to a soccer field.

Board representatives have advised that they are in agreement with the City utilizing the land for a mini soccer field but would like to have the opportunity to comment on the style of goal posts that would be installed prior to the City purchasing them. The Board has also confirmed that they do not have any available funds to contribute to this project.

In order to implement a mini soccer field in this location, a set of soccer goals would be required at a cost of approximately \$5,500. Additionally, to bring the sodded area up to the City of Vaughan standards for natural turf soccer fields, cultural practices (core aerate, topdress, over-seed and fertilize) would be required at a cost of approximately \$4,500. The total cost of this implementation is \$10,000.00 and if Council so wishes to go ahead with this initiative, staff would have to find a source of funding. Alternatively, staff will include this initiative in the 2011 budget for consideration.

Ontario Realty Corporation Land

There is a triangular parcel of land at the southwest corner of Highway 27 and Milani Blvd owned by ORC and subject to a Hydro easement to Hydro One Networks Inc. for transmission and distribution lines (Hydro Corridor). In order to use these lands for soccer fields, the City would have to obtain a park license from ORC with Hydro One's approval. As this matter deals with the acquisition of an interest in land, a confidential memo is being provided regarding Council's directions of May 26, 2008 and May 5, 2009.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, the project will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL  
Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to citizens

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- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:**  
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; and Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness – To deliver high quality services and to 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.

Conclusion

Staff has proceeded pursuant to Council direction to review of the feasibility of locating the soccer fields at the two sites suggested and will report to Council when further details have been determined.

Attachments

Attachment 1 – Confidential Memo (Members of Council Only)  
Attachment A - Letter Dated February 26, 2010 from Sal Infante, President of Woodbridge Soccer  
Attachment B - Site Map of Holy Cross Catholic Academy  
Attachment C - Memorandum of Councilor Carella, dated April 19, 2010.

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)