

PRIORITIES AND KEY INITIATIVES COMMITTEE – OCTOBER 3, 2011

“ACTIVE TOGETHER” MASTER PLAN FOR PARKS, RECREATION, CULTURE AND LIBRARIES PRESENTATION – CITY WIDE

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the CEO of Vaughan Public Libraries, and the Directors of Parks Development, Recreation & Culture, Buildings & Facilities, Parks & Forestry Operations recommends:

1. That this report and presentation of the “Active Together” Master Plan be received for information purposes.

Contribution to Sustainability

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

Goal 4, Objective 4.1: To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Goal 2, Objective 2.2: To develop Vaughan as a City with maximum green space and an urban form that supports our expected population growth.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact resulting from the Priorities and Key Initiatives Committee receiving this report for information purpose.

Communications Plan

Copies of the presentation will be provided at the meeting.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee the Priorities and Key Initiatives with background information and a status update relating to the “Active Together” Master Plan for Parks, Recreation, Culture and Libraries.

Background - Analysis and Options

The “Active Together” Master Plan for the Provision of Parks, Recreation, Culture & Libraries was presented at Committee of the Whole Working Sessions on May 27, 2008 and September 23, 2008 and at the Vaughan Public Library Board on October 16, 2008 where it was approved in principle. City of Vaughan Council approved in principle the “Active Together” Master Plan on October 27, 2008.

The “Active Together” Master Plan is an integrated, long-term strategy that guides planning for parks, recreation, culture and library facilities and services until the City’s ultimate build-out (anticipated to be 2031). The Plan includes capital and operating budget implications and reflects the considerable changes that have taken place in Vaughan in past years and proactively addresses the anticipated future needs of residents in both the established and new growth areas. A Physical Activity Strategy has also been prepared concurrently with, and forms an integral part of the “Active Together” Master Plan. The purpose of the Physical Activity Strategy is to foster higher levels of physical activity by Vaughan residents through various actions designed to remove barriers and allow for greater participation.

Community consultation was an essential component in the formulation of this Master Plan. Phase 1 of the “Active Together” Master Plan process included Council interviews, a senior

management team workshop, staff workshops, community group/sports group workshops, arts/culture/heritage workshops, Library Board and staff consultation, S.A.V.I workshop, a statistically significant household survey and a user group survey.

The City of Vaughan's Community Services Commission and Vaughan Public Libraries rely on this Master Plan to guide planning for parks, recreation, culture and library facilities and services. An update to the "Active Together" Master Plan is scheduled to commence in 2012 subject to Council approval of funding.

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
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Pursue Excellence in Service Delivery; Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness; and Preserve our heritage and support diversity, arts, and culture.
- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Management Excellence
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Plan & manage growth and economic vitality; and Maintain assets and infrastructure.

Regional Implications

N/A.

Conclusion

That this report and presentation of the "Active Together" Master Plan be received for information purposes. Copies of the presentation will be provided at the meeting.

Attachments

None.

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Respectfully submitted,

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