

COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 13, 2004

ACCOMMODATING FUTURE DEMANDS FOR MINI SOCCER FIELDS IN WARDS TWO AND THREE

Council, at its meeting of June 28, 2004, adopted the following:

- 1) That staff be directed to provide notice of an intention to adopt an amendment to the 2004 Capital Budget pursuant to By-law 394-2002; and
- 2) That this report be brought forward to the Council meeting at which this amendment is to be considered; and

By receiving the memorandum from the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated June 28, 2004.

Report of Councillor Carella dated June 21, 2004

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of Councillor Carella, dated June 21, 2004, be approved;
- 2) That staff contact the Woodbridge Soccer Association to request that they consider a financial contribution in a similar fashion as that of the Vaughan Soccer Association; and
- 3) That the deputation of Mr. Paul De Buono, be received.

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that a portion of the monies received from the sale of lands at the southeast corner of Pine Valley Drive and Highway 407 be allocated to construct an artificial soccer field at Vaughan Grove---sufficient for four mini-fields, plus two additional mini-fields at Vaughan Grove and two additional fields on city-owned lands to be identified by the Commissioner of Community Services.

Purpose

To ensure that the Woodbridge community has sufficient mini-soccer fields to accommodate local teams during the 2005 season.

Background - Analysis and Options

The impact of the loss of eight mini-soccer fields along Pine Valley Drive near Highway 407 has not been felt this season, as the City has the use of these fields for the balance of the 2004 season. However, that is not the case in 2005 and steps must be taken to address this issue this year.

The experience of the Ontario Soccer Association in constructing and operating an artificial turf field is highly instructive. While the initial capital costs are greater, these fields command a premium in terms of rental charges, they can be used for longer periods of the year, they do not suffer the effects of inclement weather in the same way natural turf fields do, they are much cheaper to maintain, and after the capital costs are paid, they represent a continuous revenue stream well into the future, as retrofit costs are minimal.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

Section 1.3 of the Vaughan Vision mandates the “. effective and efficient delivery of services”.

Conclusion

The timely provision of sports fields has always been the case in Vaughan and should continue to be so.

Attachments

1. Memorandum from the Director of Reserves & Investments, dated June 28, 2004.

Report prepared by:

Councillor Tony Carella

June 28, 2004

To: Mayor Michael Di Biase and Members of Council

Re: **Additional Information – Committee of the Whole Item 83
Accommodating Future Demands for Mini Soccer Fields in Wards Two
and Three**

The Committee of the Whole at its meeting of June 21, 2004 recommended the adoption of the following:

"That a portion of the monies received from the sale of lands at the southeast corner of Pine Valley Drive and Highway 407 be allocated to construct an artificial soccer field at Vaughan Grove – sufficient for four mini-fields, plus two additional mini-fields at Vaughan Grove and two additional fields on City-owned lands to be identified by the Commissioner of Community Services."

Should Council concur with this proposed increase in expenditure, this action would be considered as an amendment to the 2004 Capital Budget. Pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 Section 291 (1) before amending a budget, a municipality shall give notice of its intention to amend the budget at a Council meeting. In accordance with By-law 394-2002, notice of an intention to adopt an amendment to a budget consists of publication of notice in a newspaper of a public meeting to consider the proposed amendment at least seven (7) days prior to the date of the Council meeting at which this proposed amendment is to be considered.

Therefore, if Council increases the expenditures to the 2004 Capital Budget, it is recommended:

- 1) That staff be directed to provide notice of an intention to adopt an amendment to the 2004 Capital Budget pursuant to By-law 394-2002; and
- 2) That this report be brought forward to the Council meeting at which this amendment is to be considered.

Sincerely,



Ferruccio Castellarin, CGA
Director of Reserves & Investments

c: Michael DeAngelis, City Manager
Clayton Harris, Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Services
Senior Management Team
John Leach, City Clerk

memorandum