

COUNCIL – SEPTEMBER 25, 2006

PROCLAMATION OF “GREENING VAUGHAN DAY” – NOVEMBER 14, 2006

Recommendation

Councillor Alan Shefman recommends that:

1. The following proclamation be made; and,
2. That November 14, 2006 be proclaimed “Greening Vaughan Day”.

Economic Impact

There is no economic impact as a result of this proclamation.

Purpose

To proclaim November 14, 2006, as “Greening Vaughan Day” in order to recognize the commencement of City’s source separated household organics collection program.

Background - Analysis and Options

Whereas the Keele Valley Landfill site in Vaughan, which was one of the largest landfill sites in North America, closed December 31, 2002;

And Whereas all the City’s and York Region’s waste then had to be taken by truck to landfill sites located in southern Ontario and the State of Michigan;

And Whereas Vaughan Council recognized the need to improve the City’s overall waste diversion rates, as well as the need to reduce the amount of waste being trucked to Michigan and other landfill sites outside York Region in order to meet the Province’s target of 60% waste diversion by 2008;

And Whereas on March 21, 2005, Vaughan Council approved the “Greening Vaughan” strategy, the City’s multi-phased, comprehensive waste management plan that is designed to divert at least 60% of waste from landfill through the increased collection frequency of blue box materials, the introduction of container limits for waste, and the introduction of a weekly household organics collection (green bin) program;

And Whereas Phase 1 of the Greening Vaughan program commenced last September and has resulted in a 55% increase in the amount of blue box material being captured on a weekly basis;

And Whereas Phase 2 of the Greening Vaughan program will commence on November 14, 2006, with the first collection of household organics in the City of Vaughan,

And Whereas the significance of the green bin program in achieving the Province’s diversion target of 60% cannot be emphasized enough,

Therefore, be it resolved that November 14, 2006 be proclaimed “Greening Vaughan Day” in the City of Vaughan.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and complies with Vaughan Vision A-1 "Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services" and A-3 "Safeguard Our Environment".

Conclusion

Given the significance of the green bin's importance in reducing the amount of waste going to landfill, and the first collection of the green bin takes place on Tuesday, November 14, 2006, it is appropriate to declare November 14, 2006 as "Greening Vaughan Day."

Attachments

N/A

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Respectfully submitted,

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