#### **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

#### EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017

Item 13, Report No. 6, of the Finance, Administration and Audit Committee, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 27, 2017.

# 13 SPECIAL EVENTS APPLICATION AND RESPONSE <u>NORTHERN HEAT – RIBFEST EVENT - DUFFERIN CLARK COMMUNITY CENTRE</u>

# The Finance, Administration and Audit Committee recommends that the Member's Resolution submitted by Councillor Shefman, dated June 6, 2017, be received.

#### Member's Resolution

**Whereas**, through the Special Events Application and the Facility Rental process, a commercial event, the Northern Heat Ribfest, has been given permission to use part of the Dufferin Clark Community Centre facility from June 22 – 26, and

**Whereas,** the first notice of this event was received by the Ward Councillor on May 8, even though the applicant had first submitted a request for the event December 1, 2016, therefore not providing any opportunity for input into the process by the Councillor, and

**Whereas,** serious concerns about this event were raised in a memo on May 8, at Council on May 16 and following the preparation of a memo from staff in response to the concerns raised at Council, a further memo from the Ward Councillor on June 2, and

**Whereas**, the applicant suggests that as many as 2,000 people per day may attend this event on June 23, 24 and 25, and

Whereas, the concerns raised impacting the immediate surrounding community which consists of single family homes to the south, a small commercial plaza to the north (with residential behind and to the east), the Dufferin Clark Community Centre to the west and Vaughan Secondary School to the east, include:

- Lack of parking for the projected numbers of people which will result in parking in the commercial plaza and throughout the residential areas abutting the location;
- Excessive traffic for three days, throughout the time of the event from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm;
- Excessive noise which may be generated by the number of people attending and the entertainment which will be a component of the event;
- Excessive waste strewn throughout the neighbourhood;
- Potential rowdyism if participants drink excessively;
- Potential increase in inebriated drivers leaving the event, impacting the safety of members of our community;
- A strain on both YRP and Bylaw staff to address issues of concern, and

**Whereas,** it is our responsibility as a municipality to ensure that the decisions we make are supportive of peace and harmony for our residents (and local businesses), and

**Whereas**, this purely commercial event will result in a significant negative impact on both the residents living throughout the area and the local businesses on the north side of Clark and;

**Whereas,** this event does not fulfill even one of the requirements of the City of Vaughan Municipally Significant Public Event Application as defined in the application which requires the event to have:

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- a. Local, regional, national or international historical or cultural significance
- b. Builds awareness of diverse cultures, or
- c. Benefits the community at large.

#### Therefore, it is recommended that:

All permits and agreements allowing this event to occur be withdrawn immediately, or, as an alternative and to show good faith, that the event by moved to a location that will not impact our residential and business community in such a profoundly negative manner.

## **Attachments**

- 1. Memorandum, Gus Michaels, Director, By-Law & Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services Sunny Bains, Director, Recreation Services.
- 2. Municipally Significant Public Events Application
- 3. Memorandum, Councillor Alan Shefman

(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.)