

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014

Item 13, Report No. 6, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 18, 2014.

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SEEDY SATURDAY 2014

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Regional Councillor Schulte, dated February 4, 2014:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Regional Councillor Deb Schulte.

Whereas, Community gardens encourage community building and enhanced levels of civic engagement and community vitality; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan supports community garden projects on City owned land located at Baker Sugarbush, Michael Cranny house and Firehall 7-1; and

Whereas, Seedy Saturday, coordinated by the non-profit organizations Seeds for Change and York Region Food Network and a network of volunteers, provides an opportunity to generate awareness on local environmental and social issue, specifically pertaining to community gardening, greenspace and healthy living in advance of the garden season; and

Whereas, Seedy Saturday organizers have expressed interest in hosting the event at a municipality where the City would provide in kind services for the space, table and chairs to host the event which is expected to attract 200-300 people; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan's Environmental Sustainability Office continues to promote community gardening as a desirable activity under *Green Directions Vaughan*, our Community Sustainability and Environmental Master Plan; and

Whereas, the Environmental Sustainability Office has special events budget to cover any overtime labour costs that may be incurred by Building and Facilities should this event be held at Vaughan City Hall on a weekend.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That City of Vaughan partner with Seeds for Change to host Seedy Saturday on March 1, 2014 at Vaughan City Hall with the goal of continuing to promote community gardening within the City;
2. That City of Vaughan provides services in kind such as the use of the multi-purpose room, atrium entrance area and two committee rooms.
3. Any overtime costs related to this event from B&F will be covered by the Environmental Sustainability Offices Special Events Budget