

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2012**

Item 23, Report No. 48, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 11, 2012.

**23 PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP REQUEST FOR FREE USE OF COMMUNITY SPACE**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated November 27, 2012, be approved; and**
- 2) That the following deputations and Communication be received:**
  - 1. Mr. Peter Pallotta, Maria Antonia Road, Woodbridge, and Communication C2, dated November 27, 2012; and**
  - 2. Mr. John Scaini, Valleyway Crescent, Maple.**

**Recommendation**

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture, recommends:

1. That this report on the Parkinson's Support Group Request for Free Use of Community Space be received.

**Contribution to Sustainability**

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

**Economic Impact**

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

**Communications Plan**

Recreation and Culture staff will continue to work with the deputants and representatives from the Parkinson's support group to facilitate the use of space for the Parkinson's support group as outlined in this report.

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to report back to Council regarding the request for free use of community centre space to hold monthly meetings for a Parkinson's support group.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

At the Council meeting held on May 8, 2012, Item 16, Report No. 16, Council directed staff to report back on the comments made by deputants Mr. Peter Pallotta and Mr. John Scaini regarding the staff report on the Parkinson's support group's Request for Free Use of Community Space at the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 24, 2012 (Attachment 1).

The first deputant, Mr. Pallotta, restated his request for the free use of community space to hold monthly meetings for a Parkinson's support group in a centre other than the one offered as part of the staff report. The group currently meets in Richmond Hill at York Region Police #2 District and are requesting space at no charge within the City of Vaughan. The staff report provided an option

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at no charge at York Region Police #4 District located in Vaughan at 2700 Rutherford Rd (at the intersection of Melville Ave). Mr. Pallotta explained that the parking immediately outside of York Region Police #4 District was minimal and that the adjacent parking available at the Joint Operations Centre was not practical or convenient for persons with Parkinson's.

The rental of meeting rooms is governed under the Recreation and Culture User Fee and Pricing Policy. The policy classifies the rental of meeting rooms by Community Service Organizations (CSO's) as a basic level of service. Basic programs and services benefit from the greatest level of subsidy permitted within the framework of the User Fee and Pricing Policy.

Notwithstanding, Recreation and Culture staff gathered more information about the support group and its demographic make-up, and it was ascertained that the group is comprised of seniors and as such qualifies for free space at the Maplewood Villages Plaza. In 2008, a 1,200 square foot facility at the Maplewood Villages Plaza was granted to the City of Vaughan for 20 years to be used for senior citizens on a no-charge basis for meetings and recreational services. Based on the terms of the agreement and the demographic make-up of the Parkinson's support group, the organization would be eligible to use the facility at no-charge for their regular meetings.

Staff visited the Maplewood Villages Plaza site with the deputants and it was determined that the facility was suitable to the group's requirements. The facility is equipped with a kitchen, tables, chairs, television and telephone services. Staff will be working with the group to finalize no-charge rental permits commencing in January of 2013.

The second deputant, Mr. Scaini, expressed his desire for a facility in Vaughan that offers a variety of medical services, including rehabilitation, therapy and other treatment provided by medical practitioners. All parties agreed that the request for a facility that offers medical care for persons with Parkinson's was outside the current scope of the municipality. Staff offered to put the group in touch with the Director of the Vaughan Health Centre for assistance.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, this report will provide:

- **STRATEGIC GOAL:**  
Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to Citizens.
- **STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE:**  
Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health & Wellness.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council, and the necessary resources to implement this program have been allocated and approved.

#### **Regional Implications**

None

#### **Conclusion**

In 2008, a 1,200 square foot facility at the Maplewood Villages Plaza was granted to the City of Vaughan for 20 years to be used for senior citizens on a no-charge basis for meetings and recreational services. Without contravening the current user fee policy, Recreation and Culture staff have determined that the Parkinson's support group qualifies for free use of this space based on the demographic make-up of the group. Staff will be working with the group to finalize no-charge rental permits commencing in January of 2013.

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**Attachments**

1. Council Extract – Item 16, Report No. 16 dated May 8, 2012 re Committee of the Whole – April 24, 2012 item: Request for Free Use of Community Space

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(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.)