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Hi Mr. Carella,

I have read your Member's Resolution for the extension of the park closure time and extension of lighting requirements, which will be presented next week at the Committee of the Whole meeting.

Vaughan Slo-Pitch is a not-for-profit Adult League, which has recently applied for CSO Status with the Recreation Department. We have been in existence for 17 years, and now have 58 teams representing over 900 players in Vaughan.

What started off as a league of parents and volunteer coaches from the Vaughan minor baseball and softball groups, has now evolved into an organization where the youth who have grown up playing baseball in Vaughan are looking to continue to play as adults. Also, as you are aware, there has been a boom in the adult sector; all trying to have and live a more "active lifestyle" in playing more recreational sports. This group as we see it, are in their 30's, married, and have young families all settled down and looking to continue in recreational sports. This aspect has worked hand in hand with Vaughan's Active Together Plan and Goals.

We have seen a 100% growth in just the past 3 years, and have had to stop taking more teams due to the limited availability of baseball diamonds. We do not foresee this slowing down.

Hence, WE would like to fully support your motion, as it would solve many problems we have had in servicing the needs of the residents of Vaughan.

I have been involved with both Vaughan Slo-Pitch and Vaughan Baseball for the past 18 years, and have sat through many meetings, committees, and planning of events; therefore I fully understand how difficult it may be to have changes made which may impact the residents near some of these facilities. I would like to suggest that all parks which have been designated as "District Parks" be considered for the extension of hours and lighting.

Those parks would include:

- Vaughan Grove Sports Complex
- Concord Regional (Diamonds 3+4 Only)
- Tudor Park
- Sonoma Heights

All of the parks above have ample parking, lighting and do not impact the local residents directly. If there is anything else we can do to help, please feel free to call me.

Frank Crudo

VP

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