

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2014

Item 2, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 6, 2014.

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PROCLAMATION - VAUGHAN YOUTH WEEK AND VAUGHAN YOUTH ARTS WEEK: MAY 1-7, 2014

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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.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 29, 2014

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Office of the City Manager

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Recreation and Culture

Vaughan Youth Week

May 1-7

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National Youth Arts Week

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The City of Vaughan proudly supports **National Youth Arts Week**, May 1 to 7, celebrating youth talent & creative expression through city-wide arts events and projects lead by **youth**.

Youth Arts Night
May 6 | 6:30-9:00pm
Official Welcome: 7:00 pm

Students, residents and visitors are welcome to this **Free event**. Beats by "Shamaia aka Dj Afroditee". Mingle with others and enjoy some great music, food & refreshments.



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What’s happening at Youth Arts Night & Youth Week

Vaughan City Hall: Atrium Gallery

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Bring your friends and family to this Free event. Chill to the beats of “Shamaia aka Dj Afroditee”. Mingle with others and enjoy some great music, free food & refreshments. Evening includes:

“From Where I Stand”Art exhibit
St. Elizabeth Catholic High School
Explore and be inspired by featured artwork created by students from the St. Elizabeth Catholic High School, Regional Arts Program. Each work interprets urban and suburban landscapes through the lens of today’s society.

NEW App! - TakingITGlobal
Engage to make a change on a global level! Join Jennifer Corriero as she launches an exciting new interactive App **Explore150** – a vision of Canadian Culture and History defined through sharing and connecting via mobile!

GET ‘Da truth”
with The B.E.L.L.A.S. and Coco LaRain – “Inspired by Coco”
Be Inspired by Coco LaRain and the B.E.L.L.A.S. Performing Arts Troupe as they share ‘Da’ truth about the challenges and the triumphs of today’s youth through dance, drama, spoken word poetry and song.

Al Palladini Community Centre

Fitness Day [13-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | All day
Begin your fitness journey here! Youth must be 13-17 years of age with parental consent. Forms are available at any City of Vaughan fitness centre. Note: Running shoes and appropriate gym attire required.

Youth Lifesaving Challenge [10-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | 8:00-9:30pm
Learn the basics of throwing a rescue line, towing a mannequin and swimming under obstacles. Race through a course designed to test all skills taught. Open to all swimming abilities.

Rec Swim [10-17 yrs](#)
May 6 | 7:30-8:30pm
Make a splash during this free co-ed recreational swim.

Youth Basketball Challenge (drop-in) [10-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 2:30-4:00pm
Guys and Gals...Put your basketball skills to the test! 3 point challenge, around the key, foul shot contest and more!

Chancellor Community Centre

Youth Zumba
May 1 | 11:30am-12:30pm | [16-17 yrs](#)
May 6 | 9:30-10:30am | [14-15 yrs](#)
Improve your rhythm and tone your body doing the cha-cha, mambo, calypso, and belly dancing.

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May 7 | 4:00-5:30pm
Make a splash during this free co-ed recreational swim.

3 point shooting competition [14-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 4:00-5:00pm

Dufferin Clark Community Centre

Wheelchair Basketball
Interactive Demonstration [14-17 yrs](#)
May 1 | 4:00-6:00pm
Join the Vaughan City Lashers basketball players for an interactive demonstration! Follow-up with an invite to participate in this Paralympic sport and share in the power of increasing awareness. Note: 10 wheelchairs will be available.

6th Annual Youth Basketball Explosion [14-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | 4:00-6:00pm
It’s not about the look...It’s not about your style... It’s about the game you bring to the court! Participate in teams of 4 (3 players; 1 Sub). Avoid disappointment and register early!

Pool Tournament [14-17 yrs](#)
May 5 | 4:00-6:00pm

6th Annual Junior Ball Take Over [11-13 yrs](#)
May 7 | 4:00-6:00pm
Think you’ve got what it takes? Then bring it to the court and take over! Participate in teams of 4 (3 players; 1 Sub).

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May 7 | 8:05-9:30pm
Make a splash during this free co-ed recreational swim.

Father E. Bulfon Community Centre

Open Bocce [6-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | 9:00-11:30am

3 on 3 basketball Tournament [10-17 yrs](#)
May 6 | 4:00-6:00pm
Drive the lane for a slam dunk in this mini basketball tourney. Teams will be made on site.

Table Tennis Tournament [6-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 5:00-7:00pm
Calling all youth! Bring your A-game to the table! Showcase your racquet handling skills in this ping pong tourney for a chance to win prizes.

Garnet A. Williams Community Centre

Boot Camp Fitness Class [13-17 yrs](#)
May 1 | 6:15-7:15pm
Take the Challenge! Shape up with interval training, obstacle courses, core stability and muscle conditioning, power drills and more.

Fitness Day [13-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | All day
Begin your fitness journey here! Youth must be 13-17 years of age with parental consent. Forms are available at any City of Vaughan fitness centre. Note: Running shoes and appropriate gym attire required.

Basketball Challenge [10-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | 7:00-9:30 pm
Drop-in and compete in a pick-up game or just throw some hoops!

Shinny Ball Hockey [13-17 yrs](#)
May 6 | 4:00-6:00pm
Come with a team or by yourself to showcase your ball hockey skills.

Rec Swim [10-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 7:45-9:00pm
Make a splash during this free co-ed recreational swim!

Maple Community Centre

Fitness Day [13-17 yrs](#)
May 1 | 3:00-6:00pm
Begin your fitness journey here! Youth must be 14-17 years of age with parental consent. Forms are available at any City of Vaughan fitness centre. Note: Running shoes and appropriate gym attire required.

Swim & Movie Night [7-17 yrs](#)
May 2 | 7:45-9:15pm
Pool Party! Great music by our very own “DJ Matt Comiss” plus fun games and friendly competitions. Following the swim, it’s movie time in our Games Room! 7yrs+ Admission Policy Pertains. 7-9 yrs must be able to complete facility test if swimming alone.

3 V. 3 Ball Hockey Event [7-9 yrs & 10-12 yrs](#)
May 3 | 9:00am-4:00pm | Arena
Stick handle your way to fun! Create your own team and take part in the Maple Ball Hockey tournament. Teams will be split into 2 divisions – ages 7-9 and ages 10-12. Preregistration required. To register or learn more about this exciting event, call 905.832.2377 or visit the Maple Community Centre, Customer Service Desk. Note: Players must bring own safety equipment including: gloves, helmet with a cage, as well as personal goalie equipment (pads, blocker, helmet, and gloves). All safety equipment must be worn during game play.

X-Treme Games Room Make Over [10-17 yrs](#)
May 4 | 11:00am-3:00pm
May 5-7 | 11:00am-1:00pm & 3:00-6:00pm

Leave Your Mark! During this four day event, transform your centre youth room with the help of a talented “Make-over” artist. Get involved and unleash your creativity.

Fun Club [Special Needs 14+ yrs](#)
May 6 | 5:30-8:00pm
Participants with exceptional abilities socialize and learn new skills in a fun atmosphere. Note: Participants must be able to attend independently in a group setting.

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North Thornhill Community Centre

Fitness Day [13-17 yrs](#)
May 2, 5 & 7 | 6:00am - 10:00pm
Begin your fitness journey here! Youth must be 13-17 years of age with parental consent. Forms are available at any City of Vaughan fitness centre. Note: Running shoes and appropriate gym attire required.

8 Ball Tourney [10-17 yrs](#)
May 5 | 11:15am
Demonstrate your skills and have fun participating in a friendly 8 ball pool challenge!

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Ping Pong Tourney [10-17 yrs](#)
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2Ball Tourney [10-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 11:15am
Partner up and work together to demonstrate your shooting skills in this 2Ball Tourney!

Gitoni Tourney [10-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 11:15am
Demonstrate your abilities in an energetic & fun atmosphere.

2 on 2 Badminton Challenge [10-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 3:30pm
Brush up on your Badminton and socializing skills in this family challenge.

Staff vs. Youth B-Ball [10-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 3:45pm
Don’t miss this B-Ball spectacular event as All-Star Youth face-off against Recreation staff on the court!

DJ Clinic with “ DJ Perfect Storm” [10-17 yrs](#)
May 8 | 4:45pm
Get musically creative with your chance to mix and scratch to the latest tunes.

Rosemount Community Centre

Xbox Sport Challenge 3 [13-17 yrs](#)
May 5 | 4:00-6:00pm
Who will be crowned this year’s MVP? Challenge your friends in 2 of your favourite sports! Chose from soccer, basketball, hockey and baseball.

Movie Night [13-17 yrs](#)
May 7 | 6:00-8:00pm
Enjoy a fun night out with friends at our second annual movie night. Come watch a movie favourite and grab some pizza, snacks, and a cold drink! Note: Must be a youth member to participate.

Vellore Village Community Centre

Teams 2Ball Basketball [10-13 yrs & 14-17 yrs](#)
May 1 | 3:30-5:30pm
You’ve got one minute to win it! In teams of two, score as many baskets as possible from 7 locations, alternating shots with your teammate. 2ball is a competition between two-player teams where one team plays at a time.

Shallow Water Basketball [10-14 yrs](#)
May 1 | 3:30-4:30pm
Who will score the most points to be the Champ in this fast-paced game of running or swimming with 2-10 players! Note: proper bathing attire required to participate.

Billiards (Pool) Tournament [10-13 yrs & 14-17 yrs](#)
May 5 | 6:00-8:00pm
Showcase your billiard skills while socializing with your fellow participants.

3 Point Shooting Contest [10-13 yrs & 14-17 yrs](#)
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Race to make as many 3-pointers as possible from different locations on the 3 point arc – You have a minute to win it!

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Demonstrate your skills and show us why you will be Canada’s next Olympian in table tennis!