

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

Report Prepared By

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Sunny Bains, Business Services Manager, ext 8336

(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.)

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Communication
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November 27, 2012

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RE: DEPUTATION ON AGENDA ITEM # 23
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 27, 2012

Thank you Mr. Chairman, Members of Council, City Staff and members of the public who are here today. I would like to take this opportunity to personally Thank all the members of Council who at a meeting in December 2011, allowed me to start my request for FREE USE OF COMMUNITY SPACE FOR THE VAUGHAN PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP. I feel that City Staff and Council have spent a great deal of time, thought and work on this matter in such a short period of time. The results of the hard work that City Staff put into finding a solution to this request is simply incredible. The location that City Staff have been able to find for our group is an excellent place. I would like to say

Marlon H. Kallideen
Commissioner Of Community Services

Mary Reali
Director Of Recreation and Culture

Sunny Bains
Manager of Business Services

Terri Cosentino
Manager of Client Services

Rajesh Kanhai
Supervisor of Business Services

Clayton D. Harris, CA
City Manager

Jeffrey Abrams
City Clerk

John Britto
Assistant City Clerk

To everyone above Please accept this small gift (2013 HOPE ON
DISPLAY CALENDAR, TULIP RIBBON, AND THE RED
TULIP PIN) from us to you. Today is the beginning of a great
new day, in the City of Vaughan for people living with disabilities
and a neurological disease.

WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE !
Yours Respectfully,


Peter Pallotta

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – NOVEMBER 27, 2012

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

Recommendation

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Contribution to Sustainability

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Economic Impact

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Communications Plan

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Purpose

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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Respectfully submitted,

Marlon Kallideen
Commissioner of Community Services

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REQUEST FOR FREE USE OF COMMUNITY SPACE

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That this matter be referred to staff to report back, at the earliest opportunity, regarding the comments made;
- 2) That the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated April 24, 2012, be received; and
- 3) That the following deputations be received:
 1. Mr. John Scaini, Parkinson Society Canada; and
 2. Mr. Peter Pallotta, 254 Maria Antonia Road, Woodbridge, L4H2Z4.

Recommendation

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

1. That this report on the 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, Goal 4, Objective 4.1:

- To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Economic Impact

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

Communications Plan

The deputant, Mr. Peter Pallotta, will be informed of Council's decision on his deputation.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with the financial impact of the request for free use of community centre space to hold monthly meetings for a support group.

Background - Analysis and Options

At the Council meeting held on January 31, 2012, a Finance and Administration Committee recommendation was approved that directed staff to prepare a report on the financial impact of the request made by deputant Mr. Peter Pallotta on December 13, 2011. Mr. Pallotta requested the free use of community space to hold monthly meetings for a Parkinson's support group. Currently the group meets in Richmond Hill at York Region Police #2 District and are requesting space at no charge within the City of Vaughan.

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The City's ten community centres each incorporate some degree of multi-purpose space through a combination of meeting areas, activity rooms, halls and age-specific program areas. Meeting room space is available for rent by Community Service Organizations at the current rate of \$17.81 plus HST per hour during prime-time hours (after 4pm Monday to Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday) or \$11.58 plus HST per hour during non prime-time hours (Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm). The \$11.58 rate applies to groups renting a minimum of 30 prime time hours per year.

As of January 1, 2012, the total number of CSO groups was 300. In 2011, the Recreation and Culture Department generated approximately \$85,000 from the rental of activity rooms to Community Service Organizations. When this figure is broken down to represent meetings only, the revenue generated was approximately \$37,000 for the year (excludes parties, events and activities); of which approximately \$15,000 was generated during prime-time hours (evenings and weekends) and approximately \$22,000 during non prime-time hours (Monday to Friday 8am to 4pm). Therefore, if changes are made whereby CSO's are not charged for meeting space the financial impact could be approximately \$37,000 annually.

Note: The Ratepayer Policy managed by the City Clerks Department allows qualifying Ratepayer groups to receive one (1) free Annual General Meeting (AGM) per year at a City / Library facility. In 2011, the number of ratepayer groups that held AGM meetings in a community centre was nine for a value of approximately \$480 in potential rental revenue. The Vaughan Public Library applies the same rates and procedures as Recreation and Culture for the booking of library space.

Municipal Benchmarking:

A review of surrounding municipalities including Brampton, Markham, Mississauga and Richmond Hill was undertaken to determine general principles with regard to free space for community groups. Booking policies at each of the benchmarked municipalities do not permit the use of free space for meeting purposes. Special requests, typically for events such as fundraisers, can be made to Council for consideration.

Generally speaking, and consistent with Vaughan, the municipalities surveyed base their CSO principles on not for profit organizations, who are open to all residents, and have at least 75% or greater residency in their groups. Noted below is information of how different municipalities deal with fees for meeting space:

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Benchmarking	Vaughan	Brampton	Markham	Mississauga	Richmond Hill
CSO Policy in place	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Subsidized Rental Rates included in CSO policy	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Free Meeting Space for CSO groups	Ratepayer Annual General Meeting (AGM)	AGM	Registration only (sports groups)	AGM	AGM

*Special requests can be made to Council for consideration.

2700 Rutherford Rd York Region Police #4 District:

Regarding Mr. Pallotta and the Parkinson's support group, staff has confirmed that space is available at no charge at York Region Police #4 District. Centrally located in Vaughan at 2700 Rutherford Rd (at the intersection of Melville Ave) and with accessible parking, the York Region Police #4 District community room holds a capacity of 60 people and includes use of the kitchenette and fridge. A screen is also available if users bring in their own laptop computer. The booking process is easy and convenient for this space in that to book the room, a phone call to the booking coordinator at #4 District is all that is required.

Similar to how staff deals with any other Community Service and Social Service Organizations, staff will work with Mr. Pallotta and his Parkinson's support group to facilitate free use of space at this location for his group. *Note: If a change is approved for reducing fees for meeting space for Mr. Pallotta's group a precedent will be set that may result in other CSO's requesting a similar benefit which will have an economic impact.*

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Regional Implications

None

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Conclusion

Applying the current policy noted in this report to Mr. Pallotta and the Parkinson's support group is consistent with the method of booking rental space for all other Community Service Organizations. Staff will work with Mr. Pallotta to assist the group with obtaining a room for their meetings at no cost at the York Region Police #4 District in Maple or at the lowest possible cost in community centres.

Attachments

None

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