

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 12, 2022

TITLE: CORNERSTONE COMMUNITY CHURCH FARMERS' MARKET

FROM:

Councillor Marilyn Iafrate

Whereas, Cornerstone Community Church seeks to establish and operate a farmers' market / open-air market on Saturday mornings 9am to 2pm, from June to mid-September; and

Whereas, local markets play an important role supporting and growing local artisans and food producers contributing to the City of Vaughan's strategic priorities to attract investment and create jobs; and

Whereas, Kleinburg has no fresh food or grocery retailers anywhere within the community for residents to shop locally; and

Whereas, Kleinburg is home to Vaughan's only Business Improvement Area and is a growing visitor and commercial zone that will benefit from the added activity of a weekly market; and

Whereas, the location of the market would be in the parking lot of Cornerstone Community Church, located at 180 Nashville Rd, Woodbridge, ON, L4H 3N5 adjacent to the Kleinburg Village BIA; and

Whereas, the concept is a market with a maximum of 26 vendors including products such as honey, maple syrup, dried meats, pottery, prepared (packaged) soups, recorded music and ideally to include local baking, fresh fruit and vegetables and work by local artisans; and

Whereas, there is no financial impact to the City, as the event will be coordinated and managed wholly on private property; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan Special Events By-law limits special events to 4 consecutive days within a 30 day period ensuring minimal disruption to the quiet enjoyment of the City of Vaughan; and

Whereas, limiting the proposed activities and event would not be conducive to the proposed activation programming envisioned; and

Whereas, permitting the proposed event will include the appropriate limitations and control measures as prescribed within the requirements of the City of Vaughan Special Events By-law and as determined by the Director & Chief Licensing Officer of By-law & Compliance, Licensing and Permit Services, to ensure the safe enjoyment of the event and minimize the possibility of disruption to the residents of Vaughan.

It is therefore recommended:

1. An exemption to sections of the Special Event By-law shall be permitted to allow for the operation of a temporary open-air market in the parking lot of the Cornerstone Community Church, 180 Nashville Rd, Woodbridge, subject to the following conditions:
 - a. That a special event permit is obtained prior to the opening of the event;
 - b. That the exemption proposed shall only apply to the appropriate sections of the Special Event By-law that limit maximum days, thereby permitting the event to begin upon issuance of the Special Event Permit and expire on September 30, 2022, or sooner should the event organizers choose to cease the operation at an earlier date;
 - c. The proposed event shall only be permitted within the parking lot of the Cornerstone Community Church at 180 Nashville Rd, Woodbridge;
 - d. All activities shall be limited from 8:00am to 2:00pm on Saturdays;
 - e. All food trucks, food vendors and other vendors shall be licensed in accordance with the City of Vaughan Business Licensing By-law;
 - f. That the Director & Chief Licensing Officer be authorized at his discretion to revoke the permit at any time, should any noise, parking, or traffic related complaints be received and substantiated;
 - g. That all activities and events shall comply with all regulatory requirements and any other applicable legislation; and
 - h. That the Cornerstone Community Church and event organizers and property owners shall indemnify the City of Vaughan for all activities which occur in association with all the above mentioned activities;

2. That staff continue to work with the Cornerstone Community Church Market and other associated stakeholders to promote, where feasible, the Market through the City's website, social media and other relevant publications and mediums; and
3. That the Office of Communications and Economic Development be directed to assist with public information efforts utilizing corporate communications resources and channels.

Attachments

None