

Re: City of Vaughan, Committee of the whole (2) Tuesday June 21,2022 at 1 Pm

Item# 38: Community Service Organization and Facility Allocation Policy

Thankyou Mayor and Vaughan councillors for giving me the opportunity to speak.

My name is Harvey Korman and I have lived in Vaughan since 1981.

I am a founding member of the City of Vaughan Hockey Association, when at that time the population of Vaughan was under 60,000. In the beginning I was on the committee that negotiated with the city that set the parameters for facility allocation as it relates to hockey. Today the population of Vaughan is over 350,000 and things have changed, yet the facility allocation policy has not.

I served on the CVHA board for over 12 years and held various titles including President, House league East convenor, Referee in Chief, coach and served on many committees. In the second year of the CVHA, I coached the first and only CVHA OMHA championship team that year. Deputy Mayor, Local and regional councillor, Mario Ferri's son played on that team.

I am on the board of directors for the Thornhill Community Hockey Association (TCHL) and we currently have over 200 Vaughan residence registered in our house league and select program. That number would be a lot higher with new players from Vaughan East if Vaughan would allow a second house league district in East Vaughan with CSO ice allocation at Vaughan east rinks.

Markham allows L4J Vaughan postal codes to play on their ice

Markham has 3 house league districts; Richmond Hill has 2 and Mississauga has 5. Vaughan has only one house league district.

There are multiple districts for soccer and baseball in the City of Vaughan and yet there is only one district for Hockey in Vaughan.

Background information as it relates to Rep hockey.

- 1) Vaughan is the largest source of rep hockey players in the GTHL.**
- 2) The City of Vaughan Hockey Association can not adequately supply the needs of Vaughan residence's appetite for rep hockey.**

- 3) There are many GTHL organizations that have large numbers of Vaughan residence.**
- 4) One organization, The Avalanche Minor Sports Inc has just under 75% Vaughan residence registered.**
- 5) The problem is, there are over 100 players in Vaughan, in each age category, that want to and are good enough to play A and AA Rep hockey but Vaughan only has positions for 17 at any one age division, starting with U10 (nine years old's) and going up to U21.**
- 6) So, if you live in Vaughan and want to play rep hockey you must find a club outside of Vaughan that has openings.**

I was interviewed by one of the consultants that wrote this report for Vaughan and he said that he does not live in Vaughan, never played minor hockey and does not have any kids in a hockey program.

In Conclusion:

Item 38 talks about Community Service Organization and Facility Allocation Policy Revision.

I would like to say to council that this current report does not address the issues appropriately relating to hockey, in Vaughan, and that we strongly request that someone with experience and knowledge of the Vaughan hockey situation be asked to provide a detailed report on this issue and that the current report not be acceptable as it relates to Hockey.