



**STAFF COMMUNICATION
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Staff Communication

CW(1) - September 10, 2024

DATE: September 5, 2024
TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Vince Musacchio, Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development
RE: **STAFF COMMUNICATION – September 10, 2024 / Committee of the Whole (1)**

North Maple Regional Park Snow Tubing Operation

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Staff Communication is to provide Mayor and Council an update on the agreement with Gateway Parks Group (GPG) regarding the winter recreational snow tubing operation at NMRP.

2. Analysis

In April 2024, Council directed staff to finalize and execute the necessary agreements with GPG to design, build, operate and maintain a snow tubing area and associated winter recreation facilities at NMRP. In addition, GPG will help the City maintain a complimentary, unsupervised park toboggan area.

In collaboration with key internal departments, staff has developed a license agreement with GPG which is nearing the final stages of execution. The license agreement identifies the start of operations to begin this year for the 2024/2025 winter season.

On August 26, 2024, staff received an update from Gateway Parks which advises that due to circumstances out of their control, delivery of key snowmaking equipment will be delayed until January or February 2025. This timing will delay the start of operations to the 2025/2026 winter season. Staff will continue to work on finalizing and executing the necessary agreements in order to be ready for the revised start date. A copy of the letter from GPG is appended as Attachment 1.

In the interim, with the completion of the Phase 2 Enabling Works construction this year, the toboggan hill will be open for the community to enjoy this winter season but is dependent on natural snow and suitable weather conditions.

For more information, contact Jamie Bronsema, Director, Parks Infrastructure Planning & Development, ext. 8858.

Approved by

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "V. Musacchio".

Vince Musacchio,
Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development

Attachments: 1. Letter from Gateway Parks Group received August 26, 2024



VAUGHAN INC.

To: Jennifer Cappola-Logullo

I hope this message finds you well. I wanted to provide an important update regarding our ongoing agreement process for the snow tubing and winter recreation facility at North Maple Regional Park.

Unfortunately, we have encountered delays with the delivery of key snowmaking equipment, now expected in late January or early February. This timeline presents challenges not only in terms of installation but also due to inclement weather at that time, which makes the process far more difficult and potentially unsafe. Furthermore, TSSA inspection will be required post-installation, adding to the overall delay.

Given these circumstances, starting operations partway through the season would not allow us to put our best foot forward. From experience, launching under such conditions has led to suboptimal results, affecting both the experience for visitors and potentially their perception of our partnership with you the City. Therefore, we believe focusing on an October 2025 launch date is the most prudent course of action, ensuring we can deliver the highest-quality experience from the outset.

We apologize for the inconvenience and greatly appreciate the City of Vaughan's continued support and collaboration. Your partnership remains invaluable to us, and we look forward to continuing to work together toward the success of this project.

Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any additional information or wish to discuss this matter further.

Giulio Baldassarra & Peter Sutcliffe