

Communication : C 5
Special Committee of the Whole (Budget)
December 7, 2021
Agenda Item # 1

DATE: December 7, 2021

TO: Mayor and Members of Council

FROM: Vince Musacchio, Acting Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure

Development

RE: COMMUNICATION - Special Committee of the Whole (Budget),

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Item #1, Communications C1-C4

REQUEST FOR PARK AMENITIES AT VAUGHAN SPORTS VILLAGE

Recommendation

The Acting Deputy City Manager, Infrastructure Development recommends:

1. That the communication be received for information.

Background

This communication is provided in response to a request for additional park amenities at Vaughan Sports Village referenced at the Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting on December 1, 2021 and Communication Items C1 to C4 submitted for consideration at the December 7, 2021 Special Committee of the Whole (Budget) meeting.

The 2018 Active Together Master Plan (ATMP), the City's strategic plan for parks, recreation and libraries, provides guidance on parks planning levels of service and identifies current needs and future facility provision strategies that are consistent with the City of Vaughan's commitment to providing safe, accessible, and community-responsive parks and facilities that appeal to a wide range of interests and abilities.

The ATMP helps staff assess current levels of service and make recommendations for infrastructure requirements to meet population growth, demographic changes and state of good repair needs. It is a goal of the City to ensure that Vaughan residents have equitable access to parks, recreation and supporting facilities.

A key element of the ATMP identifies that parkland and facility provision needs should be assessed on an area-specific basis as geographic distribution becomes an important consideration in meeting local needs. Based on the ATMP analysis and recommendations, and a review of the 2018 Park Redevelopment Strategy, the Vaughan Sports Village site is not currently identified for installation of additional park facilities or redevelopment of existing facilities until 2026-2031 and beyond. A trail feasibility study for the Bartley Smith Greenway between Rutherford Road and McNaughton Road is currently being completed which will evaluate feasibility of developing a trail connection into the Vaughan Sports Village parkland. Additionally, a parks needs assessment for Block 25 (bounded by Rutherford Road/Keele Street/Major Mackenzie Drive/Jane Street) can be completed by staff in 2022 to review service level gaps, new programming options and facility development opportunities for this area, with recommendations brought forward for consideration.

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

Respectfully submitted by

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