

## **Eligibility Review Appeals Report – 2010 Community Service Partnerships**

<b>Date:</b>	February 23, 2010
<b>To:</b>	Community Development and Recreation Committee
<b>From:</b>	Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 28
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

### **SUMMARY**

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This report presents the recommendation for one organization that was reconsidered for eligibility under the 2010 Community Service Partnerships (CSP). Based on a review of the original submission and additional information submitted at the appeal meeting, it is recommended that the applicant be confirmed as ineligible.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**The Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration recommends that:**

1. the applicant Vasantham – A Tamil Seniors' Wellness Centre, be confirmed as ineligible and be advised that they are ineligible for consideration under the 2010 Community Service Partnerships program.

### **Financial Impact**

There are no financial impacts arising from this report.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

### **DECISION HISTORY**

On February 18, 2010 the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee considered the report “Eligibility Review and Status Report -- 2010 Community Service Partnerships Program” that presented the results of the eligibility assessment of 242 applicants. At that meeting, one applicant appealed the recommendation that they were ineligible. The CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee referred this organization to the Executive Director, Social Development, Finance and Administration for reconsideration, and a report to the March 12, 2010 Community Development and Recreation Committee.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

In developing the recommendation for the applicant referred for reconsideration, staff reviewed the information provided in the deputation, written material and letters submitted to the Sub-Committee, and the original submission for funding.

## **COMMENTS**

Three representatives of Vasantham -- A Senior Tamil Wellness program attended the CPIP Appeals Sub-Committee and made a deputation. The organization provided verbal information related to the eligibility assessment, addressing the key issues identified in the Eligibility Review report. The organization submitted overview information on these issues and revised copies of the organization and program budgets.

The additional information was reviewed by staff, along with the original submission, and the original assessment of the organization as ineligible, is confirmed. Although the organization has demonstrated the capacity to deliver project activities over many years, the application did not demonstrate the level of accuracy and accountability in its submission that is required for CSP funded organizations. The organization identified a specific problem related to their participation in the Mid Scarborough community hub, and staff will work with them to identify options for engaging seniors in suburban locations.

One organization, Canadian Somali Seniors Centre, registered for the appeal, but did not arrive until after the meeting had adjourned. Staff met informally with the group to review the issues that had been identified in the eligibility review, and provide information on other approaches available to address the identified community need.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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