

City Council

Notice of Motion

MM24.15	ACTION			Ward:All
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Youth Outreach Program - by Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Community Development and Recreation Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Pam McConnell, seconded by Councillor Joe Mihevc, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the September 19, 2012 meeting of Community Development and Recreation Committee on the Youth Outreach Program Service Review.
2. City Council direct the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to delay any layoffs until City Council has made a decision on the Youth Outreach Program, as outlined in the City Council decision of January 17, 2012.

Summary

At the Special Council Meeting on January 17, 2012, the following motion was adopted by City Council:

That the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

- a. *as part of the Recreation Service Review, include an examination of the Youth Outreach Program and report to Council on its objectives, strategies, and inter-departmental opportunities, and*
- b. *include possible offsets should additional staff resources beyond what is provided in the 2012 Operating Budget be required to provide the necessary programs and services.*

The release of the Recreation Service Review was anticipated for Spring 2012, and it was expected that a strategy would be in place to continue the work of the Youth Outreach Program before any staffing decisions were finalized. However, the release of the Review has been delayed until the autumn, after the layoffs of the Youth Outreach Workers will have occurred.

The Youth Outreach Program provides an important service to at-risk youth, newcomers, and disabled youth, assisting them in accessing local programs and services and providing opportunities to succeed. The layoff of 17 of the 29 workers will reduce the number of youth referrals from 30,000 to 14,000. Without a plan in place to fill this gap, these reductions will have a significant negative impact on neighbourhoods across the City.

(Submitted to City Council on June 6 and 7, 2012, as MM24.15)

Background Information (City Council)

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