

COUNCIL – MARCH 19, 2013

PROCLAMATION REQUEST NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 21 - 27, 2013 be proclaimed as "National Volunteer Week"; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the General Manager, Volunteer Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto, received March 18, 2013.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the General Manager, Volunteer Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto is attached (Attachment 1). This request was received too late to be placed on the last Committee of the Whole meeting Agenda. Since the proclamation date will occur in the midst of the next Council/Committee Cycle, this report is being processed as an addendum directly to Council.

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

- (i) Which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act"

YMCA of Greater Toronto is a registered charity seeking Council's support by proclaiming "National Volunteer Week", in an effort to raise awareness of the crucial role played by volunteers, in ways such as feeding the homeless, comforting the sick, fundraising and many more acts of selfless kindness. The collective result of their work helps build healthy communities for children, teens and young adults. Council has previously granted this proclamation.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020 plan:

Service Excellence

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 21 - 27, 2013 be proclaimed "National Volunteer Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachment

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from the General Manager, Volunteer Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto received March 18, 2013

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk



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March 18, 2013

Attachment 1

To Whom it May Concern,

My name is Faiza Kanji and I am the General Manager, Volunteer Development for the YMCA of Greater Toronto. Every year 7200 volunteers choose to give us the gift of almost 300,000 hours of their time so that we can deliver life changing programs that are helping us building healthy communities for children, teens and young adults.

National Volunteer Week takes place from April 21-27 this year. If your office issues a Declaration or Proclamation for National Volunteer Week, we would love to obtain a copy that we can share with constituents in your municipality that volunteer with the YMCA of Greater Toronto.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Faiza Kanji'.

Faiza Kanji
General Manager, Volunteer Development
YMCA of Greater Toronto

Building healthy
communities