

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013**

Item 27, Report No. 19, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 14, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
STEWARD OF THE EARTH DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 30, 2013:

**Recommendation**

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- 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**

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**Purpose**

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**Background - Analysis and Options**

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**Regional Implications**

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**Conclusion**

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**Attachments**

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**Report prepared by:**

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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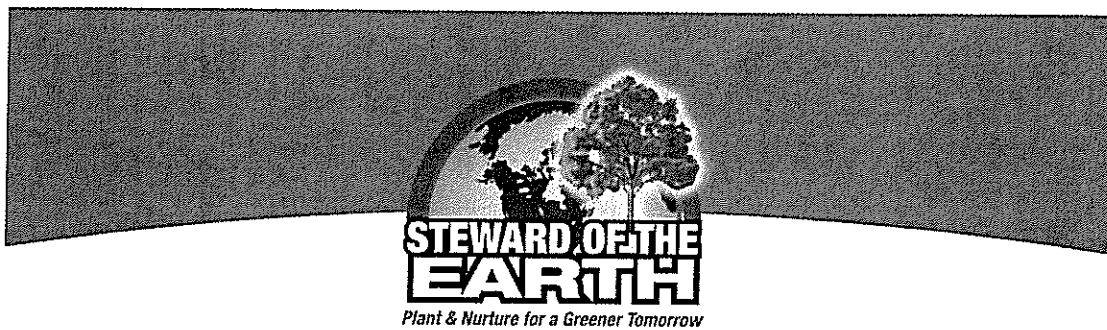
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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk



April 20, 2013

Attachment 1

Mayor and Members of Council  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua and Members of Vaughan Council,

Steward of the Earth is a nationally registered Not-For-Profit organization and registered charity in Canada. Since our program started we have provided more than 15,000 children and families the opportunity to plant and care for their very own tree. Working in collaboration with local municipalities, elementary schools and community businesses we have given a significant number of young people the opportunity to learn about the benefits of trees and to become environmental leaders in their own communities.

This week, in conjunction with studies around Earth Week, we are scheduled to deliver our program to the following 4 Vaughan elementary schools:

**Kleinburg PS**

**Herbert H. Carnegie PS**

**St. John Bosco CES**

**St. Emily CES**

While businesses and organizations step up to sponsor the cost for the schools to participate, we ask that local municipalities recognize the positive environmental investment our program brings to the community by officially recognizing Steward of the Earth Day. **On behalf of all our stakeholders and the local children we serve, we are writing to ask that you recognize May 8<sup>th</sup>, the second Wednesday of May, as this year's official Steward of the Earth Day in Vaughan.**

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

**Peter Seemann**  
Chairman  
Steward of the Earth  
905 716-3000 - cell

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