

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2013

Item 27, Report No. 23, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 4, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
SENIORS' MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 21, 2013:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

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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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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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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.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 21, 2013

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Respectfully submitted,

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May 2013

Attachment 1

Dear Mayor (or Reeve),

I am writing to ask that you consider officially proclaiming June as Seniors' Month in your community this year.

As you know, June is Seniors' Month and Ontario has been celebrating it for 29 years. The theme this year is **The Art of Living**. It celebrates how seniors in Ontario have created their own unique approach to living.

Older Ontarians practice The Art of Living every day. They've worked hard and continue to contribute much to the prosperity we all enjoy today. Celebrating Seniors' Month has become our collective way of giving something back to them.

June 15, is **World Elder Abuse Awareness Day** which presents a meaningful opportunity to share information and become involved. For more information about elder abuse, visit the Ontario Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse's website at www.onpea.org.

In the past, communities have reached out to older Ontarians by organizing local information fairs, celebrating seniors' achievements, providing information, and by encouraging seniors to remain active and engaged. Seniors' Month is a good opportunity to put the spotlight on the local services and programs available in your community to assist seniors to live as independently as possible.

For your convenience, a sample proclamation is enclosed for your consideration. Please let us know if you will be honouring seniors in your community this June with a local proclamation. You can contact us by email at infoseniors@ontario.ca.

We will be sending promotional materials soon. Please let us know about any events you are planning and we will post them on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website at www.ontarioseniors.ca/seniorsmonth.

Thank you for joining us as we celebrate Ontario's seniors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mario Sergio".

Mario Sergio
Minister

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MAY 10 2013
CLERK'S DEPT.

Seniors' Month Proclamation

**Seniors' Month
June 1 – 30, 2013**

WHEREAS *Seniors' Month* is an annual nation-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor _____, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2013 **Seniors' Month** in _____ and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2013.

Mayor