

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 1, 2001**

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> TO 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2001**

**Recommendation**

The Fire Chief recommends:

THAT the report of the Fire Chief, be received.

**Purpose**

This report informs of the Government of Canada's proclamation of Fire Prevention Week and details activities planned by the Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service.

**Background**

Earlier this year, the Government of Canada has proclaimed that:

WHEREAS many dedicated citizens have joined with volunteer, professional and industrial fire safety personnel as "Partners in Fire Prevention" in a relentless effort to minimize loss of life, destruction of property and damage to the environment;

AND WHEREAS fire losses in Canada remain unacceptably high in comparison with other industrialized nations thereby necessitating improved fire prevention measures;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that information on fire causes and recommended fire prevention information be disseminated during a specific period of the year;

AND WHEREAS the 2001 fire prevention theme for this period is:

"COVER THE BASES AND STRIKE OUT FIRE!";

...the Government of Canada designates the week commencing SUNDAY, THE SEVENTH OF OCTOBER, AND ENDING ON SATURDAY, THE THIRTEENTH OF OCTOBER,

"FIRE PREVENTION WEEK"

And further, in appreciation of the many services rendered by the members of the Fire Service of Canada, that MONDAY the EIGHTH OF OCTOBER be designated as FIRE SERVICE RECOGNITION DAY.

AND the Government of Canada recommends that during Fire Prevention Week, federal, provincial and municipal authorities intensify their fire prevention activities.

Each year, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) determines a theme for Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme: "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire!" uses the popular sport of baseball to strike home safety messages about three of the leading causes of home fires: kitchen fires (first base); heating equipment fires (second base); and electrical fires (third base). Home plate is dedicated to home escape planning and smoke alarms.

Prior to Fire Prevention Week, the Fire Prevention staff from all of the fire departments in York Region, joined resources to promote this year's theme "Cover the Bases and Strike Out Fire", through childrens' summer camp programs and school visitations. One student from each municipality will join Mayors and Fire Chiefs from all municipalities in the Region, at a Junior Firefighter For-A-Day Safety Camp and Kick-Off event on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

During Fire Prevention Week, Vaughan Fire and Rescue Service will be conducting fire safety seminars for hi-rise building property management staff; fire safety seminars for seniors; and, fire stations will be open to the public, as follows:

Fire Station 71 - 835 Clarke Ave (at Bathurst St), Tues. Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 9 pm.

Fire Station 72 – 9290 Keele St (at Rutherford Rd.), Wed. Oct. 10<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 9 pm.

Fire Station 73 – 325 Woodbridge Ave. (at Kipling Ave.) Thurs. Oct. 11<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 9 pm.

Fire Station 74 – 10,665 Islington Ave. (at Hwy 27), Tues. Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, 7 pm to 9 pm

Fire Station 75 – 2 Fieldstone Ave. (Weston Rd, north of Hwy 7), Fri. Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 am to 9 pm

For more information, please call the Fire Prevention Division at (905) 832-8531.

Respectfully submitted,

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