

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –  
ORGAN DONATION WEEK APRIL 18 – 24, 2004**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 18 - 24, 2004 be proclaimed as “Organ Donation Week”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release.

**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the Canadian Transplant Association.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from Henry Charles Cowen (Hon), Regional Vice-Director, CTA, Ontario Region, dated April 5, 2004, is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City’s Proclamation Policy: *“That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters: which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act”*.

The Canadian Transplant Association has requested the City publicize this proclamation to help promote organ and tissue donations. The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City’s website under “Events – Proclamations”. Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on space availability. Corporate Communications will, given sufficient lead-time, issue news releases in support of the proclamation.

**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending the week of April 18 – 24, 2004 be proclaimed as “Organ Donation Week” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Correspondence from Henry Charles Cowen (Hon.), Regional Vice-Director, CTA, Ontario Region, dated April 5, 2004

**Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

# CTA

Canadian Transplant Association  
WWW.ORGAN-DONATION-WORKS.ORG  
TEL: 1 • 800 • 532 • 9999  
CHARITABLE TAX NO. 1310181000



## Ontario Region

### Honorary Patrons

Mel Davis  
Basil (Buzz) Hargrove  
Bob Rae

Linda Rowe †  
Regional Director

Henry Charles Cowen †  
Regional Vice-Director

Tony Cammareri †  
Regional Treasurer

Julie-Anne Stangroom †  
Regional Secretary

Sandra Holdsworth †  
Regional Manager,  
Public Relations

Brian Noad †  
Regional Manager, Sports

### Ontario Region Representatives

Donna Fleming †

Aubrey Goldstein †

Robert Kolatschek †

Audra Manning †

Barry O'Connor †

Deby O'Connor

Dennis Segatto †

Niva Segatto

### Sponsorships\*

Canadian Automobile Workers

Canadian Liver Foundation

### Clarity

Fujisawa

Hoffmann-La Roche

Miracle of Life

Brampton Golf Tournament

Novartis Pharmaceutical

Schering Canada Inc.

Kidney Foundation of Canada

Tyszkla Family

Wyeth-Averat

† Organ Donor

‡ Transplant Recipient

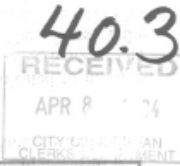
\* Sponsors known at this time

### Reply to:

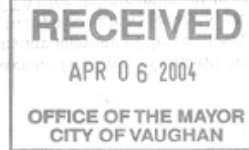
103-348 Muskoka Road # 3N  
Huntsville, Ontario P1H 1H8

April 5, 2004

*John Leach*



His Worship Mayor Michael Di Biase  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, Ontario  
L6A 1T1



Dear Mayor Di Biase,

Organ donor week this year will be held April 18-24.

We are certain you are aware what organ and tissue donations can do. Plain and simple: they save lives.

Each year, men, women, and children are placed on waiting lists for an organ transplant. For most of them, organ donation means a second chance. The list is growing and many die before organs are made available to them. We are always thankful for those who have received lifesaving organ transplants, sad for those who had died while waiting and hopeful that those waiting will soon get that important call that an organ has been found.

As the Honourable Hilary M. Weston, former Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, wrote to me, "it is unfortunate that in our society, so many are unaware of the real need for organ donations, as the list of those requiring transplants grows every year. I commend the Canadian Transplant Association (CTA) for its' commitment to raise public awareness in motivating those who have received transplants to maintain a healthy lifestyle."

The Honourable Mike Harris, the former Premier of Ontario, indicated to me in a letter that "organ donation is a cause which I support wholeheartedly. Our government has recognized the importance of organ donations. The efforts of the CTA members, volunteers, and most importantly individual donors and their families can and do save many lives every year in Ontario and across Canada. That's something in which we can all take pride."

Please help us promote organ and tissue donations during the above period by declaring:

Organ Donation Week from April 18-April 24.

Respectfully yours,

*Henry Charles Cowen*

Henry Charles Cowen (Hon.)  
Regional Vice-Director  
CTA, Ontario Region  
1 Emerald Lane, Suite 503  
Thornhill, ON, L4J 8N2

"Sign your Donor Card"