

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 17, 2004

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – SENIORS MONTH

Recommendation

The Director of Recreation and Culture recommends:

- 1) That the month of June be proclaimed as Seniors Month; 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 Minister Responsible for Seniors in the Province of Ontario.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister Responsible for Seniors dated February 23, 2004 is attached (Attachment 1). The proclamation is in support of Seniors as they are instrumental in defining the Ontario we live in today. Seniors Month is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to men and women who continue to contribute so much to our communities.

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 if the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter."

The Provincial Government is requesting that the City of Vaughan join the towns and cities across the province by declaring the month of June as Seniors Month.

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 that the month of June be proclaimed as Seniors Month and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website; published on the City Page, space permitting; and that staff issue a news release.

Attachments

1. Correspondence from The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister Responsible for Seniors.

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Respectfully submitted,

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February 23, 2004

Dear Mayor:

As you may know, June is Seniors' Month in the Province of Ontario.

I am writing to you at this early stage to ask you to officially proclaim June as Seniors' Month in your community this year. For your convenience, a sample proclamation is provided.

Healthier Ontarians in a healthier Ontario is a priority for the McGuinty government. The theme for 2004 – Active in Body, Mind & Spirit – supports this government priority.

Seniors' Month is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to men and women who continue to contribute so much to our communities, and to celebrate these contributions. Seniors are instrumental in defining the Ontario we live in today, which is dynamic and vibrant.

As Minister Responsible for Seniors, and on behalf of the McGuinty government, I hope you will join us in honouring these very special members of our community and stage celebrations in their honour.

Seniors' Month is also a good time to host one of the Ontario Seniors' Seminars. These seminars are available across the province to provide seniors with valuable information on healthy aging and healthy lifestyles. Topics include Safe Medication Use, Protect Your Money: Schemes, Scams and Flimflams, and Advance Care Planning. For more information, visit the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat Web site at www.gov.on.ca/citizenship/seniors or contact the Seniors' Infoline at 1-888-910-1999 (TTY 1-800-387-5559).

Best wishes for the rest of the winter season and for your Seniors' Month planning, and remember to check the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat Web site on a regular basis as plans for Seniors' Month 2004 unfold. Seniors' Month promotional material will be mailed to you early this spring.

Sincerely,

John Gerretsen
Minister

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