

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That July 8 through July 10, 2005 be proclaimed as “Ontario Family Fishing Weekend”;
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 Steering Committee, Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Ontario Family Fishing Week Steering Committee, dated November 26, 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 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee has requested the City publicize this proclamation to declare one summer weekend a licence-free-fishing weekend. 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 that July 8 through July 10, 2005 be proclaimed as “Ontario Family Fishing Weekend” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Correspondence from the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee, dated November 26, 2004

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk



The Steering Committee Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

November 26, 2004

TO: All Ontario Municipalities
SUBJECT: 2005 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

As you know, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many nongovernment organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, declares one summer weekend (Friday, July 8 through Sunday, July 10, 2005) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, now run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.

Would you please help us publicize the 2005 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

For further information, please contact the following during business hours:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters	(705)-748-6324
Conservation Ontario	(905)-895-0716
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources	(705)-755-2551
Resorts Ontario	(705)-325-9115

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Conservation,

Rhonda M. Barkley

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