

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
SENIORS' MONTH**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the month of June 2005 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.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Minister Responsible for Seniors, dated March 10, 2005 is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City’s Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to municipal business.

The Minister Responsible for Seniors has requested the City publicize this proclamation which will provide an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to men and women who continue to contribute so much to our communities. 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 the month of June 2005 be proclaimed as “Seniors Month” 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 Minister Responsible for Seniors, dated March 10, 2005

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

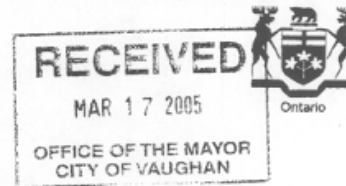
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March 10, 2005

Dear Mayor:

As you may know, June is recognized as Seniors' Month in Ontario.

I am writing to ask that you consider officially proclaiming June as Seniors' Month in your community this year. For your convenience, a sample proclamation is provided for your consideration.

Once again the theme for this year's Seniors' Month is *Active Living*. The full slogan that has been chosen is *Active Living: It's For Life*.

Seniors' Month is an excellent opportunity to pay tribute to men and women who continue to contribute so much to our communities. On behalf of the Ontario government, I hope you will join us in recognizing seniors in this province and plan events that recognize their contributions.

We would like to hear about any events that you are planning, so that information can be posted on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat Web site. An event form is also available on our Web site at www.gov.on.ca/citizenship/seniors under the Seniors' Month 2005 link. We would also appreciate knowing if your jurisdiction will proclaim June as Seniors' Month in your community.

To help with your planning, you may want to consider hosting an Ontario Seniors' Seminar. These seminars were developed to provide seniors with valuable information on healthy aging and healthy lifestyles, and are available province-wide. Topics include "Safe Medication Use," "Protect Your Money: Schemes, Scams and Flimflams," "Drive Wise" and "Advance Care Planning." For more information, contact the Seniors' InfoLine at 1-888-910-1999 (TTY 1-800-387-5559) or visit the Seniors' Secretariat Web site under the "seminars" link.

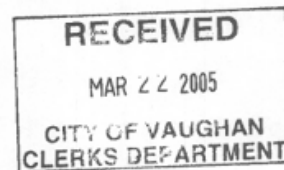
Information about Seniors' Month will be posted on the OSS Web site as it becomes available. We will also be sending you promotional materials, including our annual poster, as we move closer to June. In the meantime, we encourage you to visit the Web site to keep informed on recent announcements affecting seniors.

Please keep in touch, and keep us posted on what you are planning.

Sincerely,

John Gerretsen
Minister

Enclosures



Seniors' Month Proclamation

Seniors' Month
June 1 – 30, 2005

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, 2005 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 _____, 2005.

Mayor