

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
ORGAN DONOR WEEK**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the week of April 24 – 30, 2005 be proclaimed as “**Organ Donor Awareness 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 Regional Vice-Director, Canadian Transplant Association, Ontario Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Regional Vice-Director, Canadian Transplant Association, Ontario Region, dated April 3, 2005, 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 wishes to raise public awareness about the dire need for 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 24 – 30, 2005 be proclaimed as “Organ Donor Awareness 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 the Regional Vice-Director, Canadian Transplant Association, Ontario Region, dated April 3, 2005,

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

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Ontario Region

Honorary Patrons

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Sandra Holdsworth ::
Regional Manager,
Public Relations

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Regional Manager, Sports

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Sponsorships*

Canadian Automobile Workers
Canadian Liver Foundation

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Miracle of Life

Brampton Golf Tournament

Novartis Pharmaceutical

Schering Canada Inc.

Kidney Foundation of Canada

Tyska Family

Wyeth-Aver

Organ Donor

:: Transplant Recipient

* Sponsors known at this time

Reply to:

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Huntsville, Ontario P1H 1H8

April 3, 2005

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

Dear Mayor Di Biase,

On behalf of the Canadian Transplant Association, Ontario Region, I would like to thank you very much for proclaiming the week of April 18-24, 2004 Organ Donor Awareness Week in the City of Vaughan.

Organ donor week this year will be held April 24-30, 2005.

We are certain you are aware what organ and tissue donations can do. Plain and simple: they save lives. It is important to continuously raise public awareness about the dire need for organ and tissue donations.

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 for 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."

Please help us promote organ and tissue donations during the above period by proclaiming: **Organ Donation Week from April 24-April 30, 2005.**

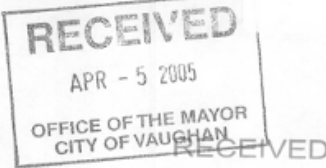
My hearty thanks for your continued support and cooperation as Mayor of the great city of Vaughan.

Respectfully yours,

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

"Sign your Donor Card"

ATTACHMENT #1



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