

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – PRIDE WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the Week of June 20–26, 2005 be proclaimed PRIDE 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.

Economic Impact

None

Purpose

To respond to a request received from Kevin McBean, Chairperson, PRIDE York Region and Tanya Shute, Executive Director, Krasman Centre, dated May 2, 2005 and an email received on May 31, 2005.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the Chairperson, Pride York Region and the Executive Director, Krasman Centre to proclaim June 20–26, 2005 as PRIDE Week (Attachments #1 and #2). The Krasman Centre is a psychiatric consumer/survivor drop-in resource centre in Richmond Hill and offers services including peer-based supportive counseling and a home base and meeting place for self-help groups. The Krasman Centre meets Council's requirements respecting the issuance of proclamations in that it is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Attachment #3). PRIDE York Region itself does not meet Council's criteria to have the proclamation issued as it is not a registered charitable organization consequently the request is being submitted by Krasman Centre. In 2004, Council proclaimed June 13-19, 2004 as PRIDE Week granting a request submitted by PFLAG, Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays, a PRIDE support group and a registered charity.

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

It is being recommended that June 20-26, 2005 be proclaimed PRIDE Week, 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

- Attachment #1 – Letter from Kevin McBean, Chairperson, PRIDE York Region and Tanya Shute, Executive Director, Krasman Centre, dated May 2, 2005.
Attachment #2 – Email from Kevin McBean, Chairperson, PRIDE York Region, dated May 31, 2005
Attachment #3 – Web Page – Krasman Centre

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach

Respectfully submitted,

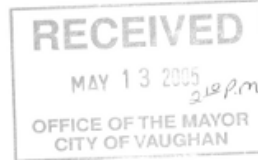
John D. Leach, City Clerk



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May 2, 2005

Mayor Michael Di Biase
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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Re: Pride Week 2005 - May 29 through June 4

Dear Mayor Di Biase:

We are writing to make an official request for the Proclamation of Pride Week 2005, May 29 through June 4.

The intent of this request is to have recognized the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities in Vaughan and beyond. Coincidentally, June 1 is the National Day Against Homophobia.

It is hoped that through increased awareness and understanding in the community discrimination and fear based on attitudes regarding sexual orientation and gender identity can be eradicated. There is still much work to be done in this regard, however proclamations go far in promoting positive discussion and providing a human rights context.

Should you require additional information in order to respond to this request, I can be reached using the contact information below. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Kevin McBean
Chairperson

Tanya Shute
Executive Director, Krasman Centre
Charitable Status: 86775 6686 RR0001



c/o The Krasman Centre • 10121 Yonge Street • Richmond Hill • Ontario • L4C 1T7

Mauti, Kay

From: McBean PRIDEYorkRegion [mcbeypr@hotmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, May 31, 2005 1:05 PM
To: Mauti, Kay
Subject: Pride Week Proclamation Request

Good Afternoon, Kay:

Further to my earlier mail, dated May 13, and our recent phone conversations, I would ask that the request for proclamation of Pride Week be revised to June 20-26.

This corresponds to the dates of Toronto's Pride Week.

We recognize that our timelines to meet the original date would be difficult to meet, and do apologize. However, in anticipation of this recognition, will value the chance to extend our opportunity to increase awareness through visibility.

Please confirm receipt of this message with a phone call to (905) 841-4016 if at all possible.

Thanks.

Kevin McBean
Chairperson, PRIDE York Region

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We are a psychiatric consumer/survivor drop-in resource centre in Richmond Hill. Our centre serves all of York Region and offers several services and programs including:

- Peer based supportive counselling
- Support for consumer/survivors
- Support to families and friends of those struggling with mental health issues through the Family and Community Outreach Program
- A home base and meeting place for self-help groups
- The Self-Help Network of York Region
- Information resources
- Volunteer Opportunities with ongoing training
- The Warm Line: A non crisis peer support line
- A monthly newsletter Bulletin
- Use of the facilities (computers, meeting room, laundry and shower facilities and for those who are homeless, phone/fax/photocopier use)

There are always new things happening at the centre. Check out the "What's Happening" section to get most current updates.

Also, we have two cats living at the centre who love to get attention. Drop in to meet McCain and Brat.



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