

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
CANADA’S CITIZENSHIP WEEK**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That October 17 – 23, 2005 be proclaimed as “Canada’s Citizenship 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

N/A

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, dated August 2005 is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets one of the requirements of the City’s Proclamation Policy, namely, *“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 Minister of Citizenship and Immigration has requested the City publicize this proclamation to provide an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship. 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 October 17 – 23, 2005 be proclaimed as “Canada’s Citizenship 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 Minister of Citizenship and Immigration, dated August 2005

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Minister
of Citizenship
and Immigration



Ministre
de la Citoyenneté
et de l'Immigration

Ottawa, Canada K1A 1L1

2005 - - AUG

Sandra
Forward to Joe Volpe
Thanks

AUG - - 2005

Dear Sir or Madam:

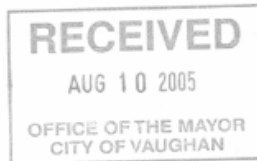
This year, Canada's Citizenship Week will be held October 17-23. Citizenship Week is a time to explore the nature of Canadian citizenship and the underlying values of respect, freedom and belonging that bring us together and make Canada such a great country in which to live.

I hope that your municipality will join the celebration by recognizing this important week. We are encouraging municipalities to become involved by passing a resolution proclaiming Canada's Citizenship Week. A sample resolution is enclosed for your reference.

You may also want to lead your council in a reaffirmation of Canadian citizenship by reciting the oath of citizenship. A copy of the oath is enclosed, along with a copy of the Citizenship Week poster and an order form for material to support your community's participation in the Week. To ensure priority service, please fax your order to (613) 954-7619.

As a municipal official, I am sure you will agree that all citizens should be encouraged to take part in community activities. It is particularly important for young people to become actively engaged in citizenship activities. Many of the products we have developed aim to empower young people with the concepts, understanding and skills they need to be responsible, caring and active citizens.

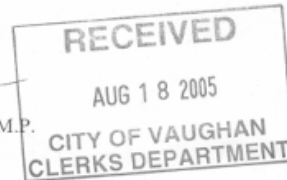
If you have any questions about Canada's Citizenship Week or citizenship in general, please e-mail us at welcomhome@cic.gc.ca. You can also obtain more information by visiting the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Web site at www.cic.gc.ca.



Sincerely,

Joe Volpe

Joe Volpe, P.C., M.P.



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Canada

Proclamation
Canada's Citizenship Week
October 17–23, 2005

- WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week will be held from October 17 to 23, 2005;
- AND WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship;
- AND WHEREAS: New Canadians bring a strong sense of commitment to their new home, make many valuable contributions to Canada and play an important role in our economic strength and cultural diversity;
- AND WHEREAS: The themes and values of Canadian citizenship reinforce an important message for all Canadians—that newcomers are welcome in Canada and that we all belong;
- AND WHEREAS: All Canadians, old and new, can join together in reaffirming their commitment to Canada;
- THEREFORE: I (Mayor) do hereby proclaim the week of October 17–23, 2005, as "Canada's Citizenship Week" in the (City/Town) of _____.

Please fax a copy to (613) 954-9144

Celebrate Canada's Citizenship Week!

October 17–23, 2005



Citizenship and Immigration Canada is pleased to offer these year-round resources for teachers and youth group leaders. The products are free while supplies last.

There are three ways to order.

MAIL Distribution Centre
Communications Branch
Citizenship and Immigration Canada
Ottawa, ON K1A 1L1

FAX (613) 954-2332

ON-LINE www.cic.gc.ca/belonging

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Street address _____

Apt. no. _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal code _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail _____

Please check your category.

- Elementary school Intermediate/middle school
- Youth leader Community group
- Other _____

These are products of the Integration Branch, Citizenship and Immigration Canada. We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Orders received by mid-August will be delivered by early September.

Orders received after mid-August please allow several weeks for delivery.

Français au verso.

PRODUCT LIST Please indicate the quantities required.

1. Cultivate Your Commitment to Canada Series

Ages 9–14

Order one copy per classroom or group

These resources explore the nature of Canadian citizenship, the values that we share as Canadians, and the responsibilities inherent in participating actively in Canadian culture. Each activity kit includes a guide, a colourful poster and a copy of an activity chart.

Sharing the Harvest (English) _____ (French) _____
Nurturing Growth (English) _____ (French) _____

2. Canada: We All Belong! Series

Ages 5–13

The three resources in this series (Belonging, The Voices of Our People and The Spirit of Home) contain activities that will help young people to know themselves better and to connect with each other, their community and their country.

Available on our Web site at
www.cic.gc.ca/english/citizen/celebrate.html.

3. Reaffirmation Ceremony Products

All ages

A reaffirmation ceremony is a formal event where people who are already Canadian citizens repeat the oath of citizenship to express their commitment to Canada.

Reaffirmation ceremony brochure

This brochure includes information on how to organize a reaffirmation ceremony, a program and the oath of citizenship. Order one copy per classroom or group.

Bilingual _____

Reaffirmation certificate

Order one copy per participant

English predominant _____
French predominant _____

"O Canada" bookmark (bilingual) _____

Order one copy per participant

4. Additional products (bilingual)

Order one copy per participant

My Commitment to Our Global Community

(activity chart)

"O Canada" bookmark _____

 Elementary School 2005



