

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
ORGAN DONOR WEEK**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the week of April 23 – 30, 2005 be proclaimed as “**Organ and Tissue 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 March 13, 2006, 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 set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, particularly ‘A-1’, “Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services” and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending the week of April 23 – 30, 2006 be proclaimed as “Organ and Tissue 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 March 13, 2006.

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

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March 13, 2006

His Worship Mayor Michael Di Biase
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario
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Dear Mayor Di Biase,

This year, Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week will take place from
April 23-30, 2006.

Each year, thousands of Ontarians get a second chance to live life to its fullest thanks to the kindness of people who have donated organs and tissue. Organ and tissue donation can save lives, restore health, and give hope for new beginnings. Over 4000 Canadians are presently on the organ transplant waiting list. The need for organs is far greater than the available supply, and many Canadians die each year waiting for a transplant.

The dire need for transplants requires the urgent cooperation of all mayors across Ontario to proclaim this week as Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week to help alleviate the critical situation and the sufferings of those who are waiting for transplants.

A private member's bill was introduced in this respect at the Ontario Legislature and is awaiting the first reading. At the same time, that Member of the Provincial Parliament, at a press conference, strongly stated that "heaven does not need these organs: we need them here and now on earth to help those in need of organs."

I am approaching you to help us promote organ and tissue donor awareness week, April 23-30, 2006, by passing a Proclamation in Council and giving it the proper publicity.

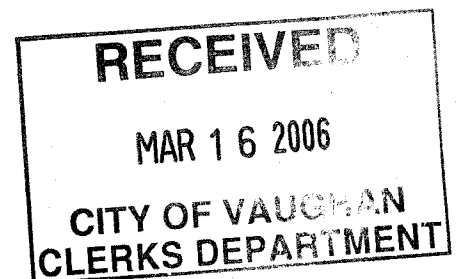
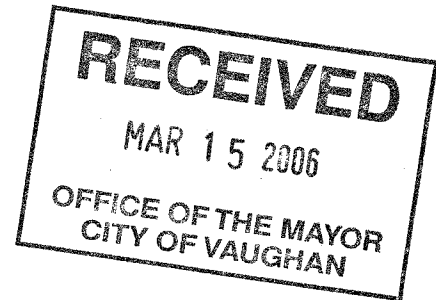
Please accept my hearty thanks for your prompt action and cooperation in this instance as Mayor of the great City of Vaughan.

Respectfully yours,

Henry Charles Cowen (Hon.)
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John Leach Attachment #1

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