

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 3, 2009**

### **PROCLAMATION REQUEST – PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

#### **Recommendation**

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Councillor Peter Meffe recommend:

1. That the month of April, 2009 be proclaimed as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month";
2. That a permit be issued at no charge for the use of space, tables and chairs at the Maple Community Centre, Vellore Village Joint Complex, Al Palladini Community Centre on Saturday, April 18, 2009 for the purpose of selling tulips to raise money for research; and
3. 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

#### **Communications Plan**

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.

#### **Purpose**

To respond to requests received from the Parkinson Society Canada Central & Northern Ontario Region and Mr. John Scaini.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Copies of correspondence received from the Parkinson Society Canada Central & Northern Ontario Region and Mr. John Scaini, are attached (Attachments #1 and #2).

The proclamation request meets one of the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, namely, "which are promoted by an organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act".

The Parkinson Society Canada Central & Northern Ontario Region has requested the City to publicize this proclamation and encourage everyone to support Parkinson Society Canada during its Spring Campaign.

Since 2005 the City of Vaughan has supported the proclamation request by the Parkinson Society Canada Central & Northern Ontario Region.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020**

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

### **Regional Implications**

N/A

### **Conclusion**

Regional Councillor Mario Ferri and Councillor Peter Meffe are recommending that the month of April, 2009 be proclaimed as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month", that space be made available at Maple Community Centre, Vellore Village Joint Complex and Al Palladini Community Centre on April 18, 2009 to accommodate the sale of tulips, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

### **Attachments**

1. Correspondence from the Parkinson Society Canada Central & Northern Ontario Region, dated February 19, 2009
2. Correspondence from Mr. John Scaini dated February 19, 2009
3. Mayoral Proclamation

### **Report prepared by:**

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Respectfully submitted

Mario F. Ferri  
Regional Councillor

Peter Meffe  
Councillor, Ward 1



Parkinson Society Canada Central & Northern Ontario

Société Parkinson Canada du Centre et du Nord de l'Ontario

A Regional Partner of Parkinson Society Canada

Central & Northern Ontario Region

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Toronto, Ontario M2P 2A9 [www.parkinson.ca](http://www.parkinson.ca)

Charitable registration number 10809 1786 RR0001

February 19, 2009

To Whom It May Concern:

Parkinson Society Canada is a registered charity (#10809 1786 RR0001) whose mission is to be the national voice of Canadians living with Parkinson's; our purpose is to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy, and support services.

We are asking municipalities throughout the province to declare April "Parkinson Awareness Month". We would be grateful to the City of Vaughan to do so as well, and help promote the fight against Parkinson's disease in your city.

John Scaini is a volunteer with our organization, working tirelessly to promote the fight against Parkinson's in his community. We fully support his tulip sale in the City of Vaughan on Saturday April 18, 2009.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours truly,

Sara Lawson

Community Development Coordinator – GTA

**Bortoluzzi, Angela**

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**From:** johnscaini@rogers.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 19, 2009 12:44 PM  
**To:** Bortoluzzi, Angela  
**Subject:** re: services in kind

Members of Vaughan City Council

I am requesting use of the foyers of Maple CC, Vellore CC, and Al Paladini CC.

Also I would need two tables and four chairs a each location.

The event is a fund raising event, tulip sales for Parkinsons Society Canada.  
Money raised goes to research, educatiion and support.

The event will take place on Saturday April 18 2009 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

John Scaini

ps When working on a project there are some who say " It can't be done! "  
I reply " Why not? !!!!!!! "

# MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

## “April is Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada is celebrating over 40 years as the national organization that helps to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy and support services to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson’s disease.
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 100,000 Canadians, and 6.3 million people world-wide, have Parkinson’s disease today.
- WHEREAS:** There is no way to predict or prevent Parkinson’s disease. It strikes randomly – affecting all genders, races, socio-economic groups and lifestyles. Parkinson’s disease is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative illness that slowly but dramatically robs people of their independence over time. For most affected, their minds remain sharp while they endure an ever-changing combination of tremors, slowness, stiffness, balance problems, speech problems, rigid muscles, and pain. Many have difficulty walking, talking, and/or swallowing.
- WHEREAS:** Canadians with Parkinson’s disease and their caregivers rely on Parkinson Society Canada to provide them with information, resources and support groups to help better manage the physical and psychological effects of this debilitating disease.
- WHEREAS:** Through our partnerships with our twelve regional partners, health care professionals, research associations, and volunteers, Parkinson Society Canada touches every community across the country.
- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada has funded almost \$11.5 million dollars in research grants in its quest to find better treatment, and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease.
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, Linda Jackson, Mayor of the **City of Vaughan**, do hereby proclaim **April 2009** as “**Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month**” and encourage everyone to support Parkinson Society Canada during its Spring Campaign.