

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Date:	JANUARY 17, 2012 – COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
Title:	Heart & Stroke Big Bike Event
Submitted by:	Regional Councillor Deb Schulte

Whereas, the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada is celebrating 50 years of leading the way to better cardiovascular health for Canadians through research, health promotion, and advocacy and,

Whereas, heart disease and stroke take 1 in 3 Canadians before their time; and,

Whereas, in 2007, as part of the \$3 million received by the Heart and Stroke Foundation from the Ontario Government's 'Thousand Defibrillators Program' for Ontario's recreational facilities, Heart and Stroke has donated over 20 AED's to community centres within the City of Vaughan and,

Whereas, the Heart & Stroke Foundation benefits the community by contributing grants for community networks and community gardens,

Whereas, the Heart & Stroke Foundation continues to engage Canadians across the country to participate in the Heart and Stroke Big Bike, Ride for Heart, and Jump for Heart fundraising events and,

Whereas, the Heart & Stroke Big Bike Event is a team building event, made up of 29 enthusiastic riders and one driver provided by the Foundation, geared towards community organizations, companies and groups, that pedal through the community in support of heart disease and stroke research and,

Whereas, last year, over 40,000 riders, in over 200 communities, helped raise over \$7 million for research and,

Whereas, The City of Vaughan believes in supporting our communities and participates in fundraising events such as United Way, and the CP24 CHUM Christmas Wish toy drive and,

Whereas, the Heart & Stroke Foundation will lead and coordinate the event,

It is therefore recommended that,

That the City of Vaughan officially support an annual Heart & Stroke Big Bike Fundraising Event at Vaughan City Hall and,

That this year's event be held on May 8th, 2012 between the hours of 8:30am – 2:00pm and,

That the purpose of the event is to encourage City of Vaughan staff and other corporations to ride the Big Bike to fundraise and raise awareness for the Heart & Stroke Foundation, to promote the Vaughan City Hall and to provide a team building opportunity for staff and,

That the permit for the facility and services-in-kind be provided at no charge for the event and,

That staff provide the necessary support to coordinate teams and participate and,

That the Corporate Communications Department advertise the Heart & Stroke Big Bike Event to all staff via the City's website, social networking sites, a media advisory, and a news release.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Deb Schulte". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Deb Schulte