

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – APRIL 3, 2012

PROCLAMATION REQUEST **GIRL'S RIGHTS WEEK**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 30th through May 6th, 2012 be proclaimed as "Girl's Rights Week" in the City of Vaughan; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Youth Coordinator of Girls Incorporated of York Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Youth Coordinator of Girls Incorporated of York Region, dated March 2012, is attached. (Attachment 1)

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

- (i) Which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act"

Girls Incorporated of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The various programs offered are designed to help girls develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life, while giving them the skills and tools needed to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society. City Council has granted this request in the past.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular "Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness".

Regional Implications

This proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 30th through May 6th be proclaimed as "Girl's Rights Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the Youth Coordinator of Girls Incorporated of York Region, dated March 2012

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

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**RE: PROCLAMATION OF GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK,
APRIL 30 – MAY 6, 2012**

York Region is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to celebrate the protection of equality within their constituencies.

Girls Incorporated® of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The programs that we offer are designed to help girls develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in girls and young women, while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

We are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Vaughan through the proclamation of *Girl's Rights Week* in Vaughan, April 30th through May 6th, 2012. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and organizations to promote their healthy development. We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ashley Martin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Ashley Martin
Youth Coordinator

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