

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 3, 2012

PROCLAMATION REQUEST ONTARIO YOUTH VOLUNTEER CHALLENGE MONTH

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 2012 be proclaimed "Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge Month"; 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 Volunteer Services Coordinator, Yorkinfo Community Information & Volunteer Centre, dated March 9, 2012.

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the Volunteer Services Coordinator, Yorkinfo Community Information & Volunteer Centre to proclaim April 2012 "Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge Month". (Attachment 1).

The mandate of the Yorkinfo Community Information & Volunteer Centre in partnership with the Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration and the Ontario Volunteer Network is to increase awareness of the importance of high school students to earn volunteer hours while doing good in the community. Last year 15,000 youth volunteered 3 hours over 3 weeks. Their goal this year is to reach 25,000 youth volunteers.

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to a matter within the City's jurisdiction.

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

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April, 2012 be proclaimed "Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge Month" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the Volunteer Services Coordinator, Yorkinfo Community Information & Volunteer Centre, dated March 9, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

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REQUEST FOR PROCLAMATION

ChangeTheWorld: Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge is a three-week campaign with one goal: get high school teens to volunteer in their community. Bonus: Teens get the community involvement hours they need to graduate high school.

This year, the Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration and the Ontario Volunteer Network goal are to surpass last year's goal of 15,000 youth volunteering 3 hours over 3 weeks. We have a proud history of youth volunteerism so let's make this campaign the best one yet! Our campaign will be taking place in York Region for the month of April.

For additional information please visit the website at:

www.ontario.ca/changetheworld

We would appreciate and are requesting that you issue a proclamation for your town to show your support in recognition of this event. We ask that:

1. Your town proclaim the month of April 2012, "Ontario Youth Volunteer Challenge month";
2. AND if it is possible the proclamations be advertised on your Town Page advertisement and on the Town's website

On behalf of the staff of the Yorkinfo Community Information & Volunteer Centre, The Ministry of Citizenship & Immigration and the Ontario Volunteer Network thank you for your consideration of this request.

Thank you in advance,

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