

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 7, 2002

**PROCLAMATION
CANADA'S CITIZENSHIP WEEK
OCTOBER 14 – 20, 2002**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That the following resolution be adopted to proclaim the week of October 14 - 20, as "Canada's Citizenship Week in the City of Vaughan":

WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week will be held from October 14 - 20, 2002;

AND WHEREAS: Canada's Citizenship Week provides an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship;

AND WHEREAS: New Canadians bring a strong sense of commitment to their new home, make many valuable contributions to Canada and play an important role in our economic strength and cultural diversity;

AND WHEREAS: The themes and values of Canadian citizenship reinforce an important message for all Canadians – that newcomers are welcome in Canada, and that we all belong;

AND WHEREAS: All Canadians, old and new, can join together in reaffirming their commitment to Canada;

THEREFORE: That the City of Vaughan hereby proclaims the week of October 14 – 20, 2002, as "Canada's Citizenship Week".

Purpose

To proclaim "Canada's Citizenship Week" in the City of Vaughan.

Background - Analysis and Options

The Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration is requesting that municipalities proclaim "Canada's Citizenship Week" on October 14 – 20, 2002.

Conclusion

It would be appropriate to proclaim "Canada's Citizenship Week".

Attachments

Correspondence from the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration

Report prepared by:

J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

J. D. Leach
City Clerk

Minister
of Citizenship
and Immigration



Ministre
de la Citoyenneté
et de l'immigration

Ottawa, Canada K1A 1L1

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Dear Sir or Madam:

I am pleased to announce that **Canada's Citizenship Week** will be held **October 14-20, 2002**. The Week is a time to reflect on what it means to be Canadian and to celebrate the values that draw us together.

Canada's Citizenship Week 2002 will provide an opportunity to reflect on the value of citizenship and immigration and to focus on the privileges, rights, responsibilities and obligations of citizenship. I hope that your municipality will join the celebration by recognizing this important week.

We are encouraging municipalities to become involved by passing resolutions **proclaiming** Canada's Citizenship Week. A sample resolution is included for your reference.

You may also want to lead your council in a reaffirmation of Canadian citizenship by reciting the oath of citizenship. A copy of the oath is attached, along with additional information on Citizenship Week.

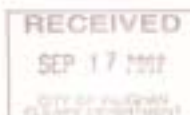
As a municipal official, I am sure you will agree that all citizens should be encouraged to take part in community activities.

If you have any questions about Canada's Citizenship Week or citizenship in general, please fax us at (613) 954-2332 or send an e-mail message to welcometohome@ciic.gc.ca. You can also obtain more information by visiting the Citizenship and Immigration Canada Web site at www.cic.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Denis Codere

Enclosures



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- THEREFORE:** I (Mayor) do hereby proclaim the week of October 14–20, 2002, as "Canada's Citizenship Week" in the (City/Town) of _____

Please fax a copy to (613) 954-9144

Celebrate Canada's Citizenship Week!

October 14-20, 2002

Citizenship and Immigration Canada is pleased to offer these dynamic and fun cross-curricular products for teachers and youth group leaders. These products are free while supplies last.

There are three ways to order:

MAIL

Distribution Centre,
Communications Branch,
Citizenship and Immigration Canada,
Ottawa ON K1A 1L1

FAX

(613) 954-2332

ON-LINE

www.cic.gc.ca/welcomehome

These are products of Citizenship Promotion,
Ottawa and Immigration Canada.
We reserve the right to limit quantities.

Please allow several weeks for delivery.



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ORDER FORM

Please indicate the quantities required.

The Spirit of Home Activity Kit

Order one copy per classroom or group

This pre-recorded activity kit includes an activity guide, a coloured poster and a copy of *Touch of the 20's*. The guide contains activities that will help engage youth to know more about letters and to connect to each other, their communities and their country. These two cross-curricular kits are for teachers and youth community leaders working with young people between the ages of 7 and 15.

Bilingual _____

Reaffirmation Ceremony Kit

Order one copy per classroom or group

A reaffirmation ceremony is a formal event where people who are already Canadian citizens repeat the oath of citizenship to express their commitment to Canada. This bilingual kit is designed for a group of 30. It includes information on how to organize a reaffirmation ceremony, a ceremony program, 30 reaffirmation certificates and 30 "O Canada" bookmarks. Please indicate the size of your group in the space provided below. If your group is larger than 30 we will provide you with additional certificates and bookmarks.

English predominant _____ Size of group _____

French predominant _____

Welcome Home Activity Poster

Order one copy per classroom or group

This friendly and illustrative poster has activities on the back exploring the concepts of belonging and welcoming. You'll be using the 1 to 100 to create messages of welcome for new Canadians. Prizes will be randomly awarded.

English _____ French _____

Additional Products (all bilingual)

Order one copy per child

Canadian hard flags _____

Touch of the 20's book (2 copies) _____

"O Canada" bookmarks (included in reaffirmation kit) _____

Name _____

Address _____

Street address _____

Age in _____ City _____

Province _____ Postal code _____

Telephone number _____

E-mail _____

Please check the category you represent

- Primary teacher High school teacher
 Youth leader Community group
 Other _____

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