COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 7, 2004

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That July 9–11, 2004 be proclaimed as "Ontario Family Fishing Weekend" and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page, space permitting, and that staff issue a news release.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Ontario Family Fishing Week Steering Committee, dated April 12, 2004, is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy: "That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters: which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act".

The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee has requested the City publicize this proclamation to declare one summer weekend a licence-free-fishing weekend. 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.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

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

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that July 9–11, 2004 be proclaimed as "Ontario Family Fishing Weekend" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment 1 - Correspondence from the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee, dated April 12, 2004

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk



The Steering Committee Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

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April 12, 2004



All Ontario Municipalities

SUBJECT:

2004 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend



As you know, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many nongovernment organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, declares one summer weekend (Friday, July 9 through Sunday, July 11, 2004) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, now run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



Would you please help us publicize the 2004 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

For further information, please contact the following during business



Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (705)-748-6324 Conservation Ontario

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Resorts Ontario

(905)-895-0716 (705)-755-2551 (705)-325-9115

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Conservation,

Mark Cousins, Committee Chair Ontario Family Fishing Weekend

Steering Committee

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