

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - JUNE 7, 2004

TYPES OF PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED BY AREA MUNICIPALITIES

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

That this report be received for information.

Purpose

At the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 1, 2004, staff were directed to provide a report on the types of proclamations issued by area municipalities (refer to Attachment 1).

Background - Analysis and Options

The following summarizes the results of a polling undertaken:

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| Town of Markham | - | Proclamation requests require Council approval.
Refer to Attachment 2. |
| Town of Aurora | - | Proclamation requests are not forwarded to Council for approval.
A standard format is used for the proclamation and signed by the Mayor.
Approximately 15 to 20 proclamations are <i>recognized</i> . |
| Town of Newmarket | - | Proclamation requests require Council approval.
Refer to Attachment 3. |
| Town of Richmond Hill | | In 2003 proclamation requests were <i>received</i> by Council.
Proclamation requests are now forwarded to Council for approval.
Approximately 30-40 proclamations were <i>received</i> in 2003. |
| City of Brampton | - | Proclamation requests require Council approval.
A standard format is used for the proclamation and signed by the Mayor. When requested, proclamations are read at the Council meeting.
Approximately 50 proclamations were approved in 2003. |
| Region of York | | Proclamation requests are included in the Regional Council agenda.
Regional Council <i>recognizes</i> proclamations. |

Brampton, Aurora, Markham and Newmarket have advised that for the most part all proclamation requests are approved. To date, Markham, Newmarket and the Region of York have responded to our request to provide a list of the type of proclamations approved in 2003 (refer to Attachments 2, 3 and 4).

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

This report is in response to Council's direction to provide information on the types of proclamations issued by area municipalities.

Attachments

Attachment 1- Council Extract, Item 10, CW Report No. 35

Attachment 2 - Town of Markham – Proclamations issued in 2003

Attachment 3 – Town of Newmarket – Proclamations issued in 2003

Attachment 4 – Region of York – Proclamations recognized in 2003

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CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING OF MARCH 8, 2004

Item 10, Report No. 25, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 8, 2004, as follows:

By approving that June 20 – 26, 2004, be proclaimed as “Reena Week” in the City of Vaughan; and

By receiving the memorandum from the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated March 5, 2004.

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PROCLAMATIONS POLICY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated March 1, 2004, be approved;
- 2) That the following proclamations be made:
 - a) March is Easter Seals Month in the City of Vaughan;
 - b) March is Red Cross Month in the City of Vaughan; and
 - c) March is Learning Disabilities Month in the City of Vaughan;
- 3) That the request from the Reena Foundation to proclaim June 20-26 as “Reena Week”, be referred to staff for a report to the Council meeting of March 8, 2004;
- 4) That staff provide a report on the types of proclamations issued by area municipalities;
- 3) That the memorandum from the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services, dated March 1, 2004, be received; and
- 4) That the deputation of Mr. Paul De Buono, P.O. Box 5126, Vaughan, L6A 1R6, be received.

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services in consultation with the City Clerk recommends that a Proclamations Policy be established from and after the date of this report to provide:

“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* ,
- (ii) which are promoted by any organization that either holds a Gaming Identification Number from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario or which is eligible to receive a Lottery License from the Clerk, or
- (ii) If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter”.

Purpose

To report on and assess further opening up the proclamation policy to include issuance of proclamations not necessarily requested by a registered charitable organization as directed by Council at its meeting held on February 9, 2004.

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Background - Analysis and Options

Council recently amended its proclamation policy to issue proclamations in respect of organizations that are registered under the Income Tax Act for the purpose of being able to issue receipts for income tax purposes. Council has directed that staff report on further opening up the policy.

To broaden the policy to include any organization whether a registered charity or not may not be desirable in that Council could be obliged to issue proclamations to any manner or organizations some of which Council may not wish to issue proclamations such as white supremacy groups, among others.

An additional reasonable criterion to utilize could be that used by the municipality to determine if an organization is eligible to receive a lottery license. Generally, charitable or religious organizations are eligible to receive a lottery license from the City to raise funds for charitable or religious purposes defined as the relief of poverty, advancement of religion, the advancement of education and other charitable purposes beneficial to the community (examples of groups that fall under this last category include those dedicated to the nature of cultural, ethnic or native pursuits, community projects undertaken by services clubs, certain health and welfare programs and certain sports organizations). The same criteria is used to determine eligibility to receive a provincial lottery license.

It is staff's opinion that it would be appropriate for Council to open up its proclamation policy to include issuing proclamations in respect of organizations that are eligible to receive a lottery license. This would be much less restrictive than the current policy but still ensure that proclamations would be issued in respect of charitable or religious organizations or groups with purposes beneficial to the community.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

N/A

Conclusion

The extension of the proclamation policy from those organizations that are registered charities to those that are eligible for lottery licenses broadens the qualification substantially while ensuring that the organization is scrutinized by the Clerk's Department to exclude any organizations which do not have objects in the public interest.

Attachments

None

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TOWN OF MARKHAM – PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED IN 2003

Philippine Week
Pharmacy Awareness Week
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of York Day
Black History Month
International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week
World AIDS Day
Holocaust Education Awareness Week
YMCA World Peace Week
Ontario Public Library Week
Canada's Citizenship Week
Waste Reduction Week
Rouge Park Week
Don Watershed Day
Autism Awareness Month
Trevor Watson Month
Parkinson's Awareness Day
Aphasia Awareness Week
National Aphasia Awareness Month
Markham Fair Week
Thank You to All Our Community Health Care Workers Week
Canadian Cancer Society
National Missing Children's Day
Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job
Toonie for Autism Day
National Volunteer Week
Learning Disabilities Month
Naturopathic Medicine Week
Pakistan National Day
Pitch-In Canada Week
Kidney Month
Social Work Week
Pride Week
Red Cross Month
Ontario Heritage Week
Repetitive Strain Injury (RSI) Awareness Day
White Cane Week
Marriage Checkup Week
Montessori Week

TOWN OF NEWMARKET – PROCLAMATIONS ISSUED IN 2003

Storytelling Day
White Cane Week
SmartNewmarket Week
Red Cross Month
House League Hockey Week
Learning Disabilities Month
MS Awareness Month
Toonie for Autism Day
National Volunteer Week
Compost Awareness Week
Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job
Community Living Month
Red Shield Appeal Month
Emergency Preparedness Week
Relay for Life Day
Fiddlefest Week
Newmarket Community Safety Day
Heart and Stroke Mother Daughter Walk Day
Literacy Day
The Thrill on the Hill
Apple Day
Autism Awareness Month
Remembrance Week
Toastmasters Month
Waste Reduction Week
Canadian Citizenship Week
Ontario Public Library Week
Heritage Day
Red Cross Month
Pitch-in Canada Week

REGION OF YORK –PROCLAMATIONS RECOGNIZED IN 2003

Pride Week
National Volunteer Week
Salvation Army Red Shield Month
Community Living Month
Waste Reduction Week
Care Recognition Day
Canadian HIV/Aids Awareness Week
World AIDS Day