

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
WHITE RIBBON AGAINST PORNOGRAPHY WEEK IN VAUGHAN**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That October 18 – 25th, 2004 be proclaimed as “White Ribbon Against Pornography Week in Vaughan” 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 Catholic Women’s League of the Parish of St. Padre Pio (Kleinburg)

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Catholic Women’s League of the Parish of St. Padre Pio (Kleinburg), is attached (Attachment #1).

Although this group does not meet the requirement of a registered charity, the City of Vaughan has endorsed this request for an annual proclamation in the past.

The Catholic Women’s League of the Parish of St. Padre Pio (Kleinburg) has requested the City publicize this proclamation to make the community of Vaughan aware of the destructive influences of obscenity, pornography and indecency as it pertains to children and their safety on the internet. 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 October 18 – 25th, 2004 be proclaimed as “White Ribbon Against Pornography Week in Vaughan” 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 Catholic Women’s League of the Parish of St. Padre Pio (Kleinburg), dated June 7, 2004

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk



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June 7, 2004

Mr. John Leach
City Clerk
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Dear Mr. Leach,

Last year, Mayor Di Biase and City Council proclaimed the week of October 19th-26th as White Ribbon Against Pornography Week in Vaughan. It was a huge success because we had incredible support from the community and York Regional Police. We are very grateful to Mayor Di Biase and City Council for setting a precedent.

The Catholic Women's League of St Padre Pio, St Margaret Mary and Immaculate Conception are requesting again, that the week of October 18th-25th 2004 be proclaimed as White Ribbon Against Pornography Week in Vaughan. As we are not a charitable organization but rather a non-profit organization, we can only provide the City of Vaughan with our GST exemption number. This is 108076068. We pray this will be enough to ensure the success of WRAP week again. There has never been a problem in other jurisdictions having this week proclaimed and we trust that there will be no obstacles in our community's need to protect our children.

Currently, the age of consent for sexual activity in Canada is 14. **This law gives legal permission for adults to exploit and abuse children as young as 14 if they claim that the child said "yes"**. Briefly, it is our intention to make the community of Vaughan aware of the destructive influences of obscenity, pornography and indecency especially as it pertains to our children and their safety on the internet. More and more we are faced with children being exploited, abused, abducted and murdered for the sexual gratification of adults. We must protect our children, our greatest resource.

Thank you in advance

Respectfully yours,

Terri Tino

President
Catholic Women's League of the parish of St. Padre Pio (Kleinburg)

Cc Mayor Michael Di Biase
Vaughan City Council Members

The Catholic Women's League of Canada is a national organization rooted in gospel values calling its members to holiness through service to the people of God.

- St. Padre Pio Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.) commits to fulfilling this mission by providing:
- > In the spiritual growth of its members,
 - > For the fulfillment of the vision of the church in its mission to promote social justice,
 - > The educational exposure to relevant issues and services,
 - > Outreach to the wider community,
 - > The forum for youth participation, and
 - > A place for all.