

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WEEK**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the week of April 18, 2005 be proclaimed as "**PARKINSON'S AWARENESS WEEK**"; 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 Coordinator Special Events, Parkinson Society Canada.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Coordinator Special Events, Parkinson Society Canada, received December 9, 2004, is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets one of the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, namely, "*which are promoted by an organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act*".

The Parkinson Society Canada has requested the City publicize this proclamation to bring awareness of this debilitating neurodegenerative disease to the community. 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 the week of April 18, 2005 be proclaimed as "Parkinson's Awareness Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

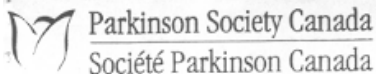
- Attachment #1 - Correspondence from the Coordinator Special Events, Parkinson Society Canada, received December 9, 2004
- Attachment #2 - Correspondence from Regional Councillor Mario F. Ferri, dated December 6, 2004

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk



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Dear Mayor Di Biase and Council:

Parkinson Society Canada (formerly Parkinson Foundation of Canada) has been working on behalf of people living with Parkinson's for 40 years. We are supported by many community and corporate partners, but it is our volunteers that are our face in the community.

John Scaini is one of our hardest working volunteers. Diagnosed with Parkinson's disease at the age of 45 John was teaching at Chaminade High School. Because he was a valuable staff member they accommodated his Parkinson's symptoms of tremor and slowness by decreasing his workload and supplying technical aids.

John has worked tirelessly to raise SuperWalk pledges to support our annual 1 million dollar research program. In his first year he raise \$6,500. Over 400 pledges! But for John it is not just about the dollars. He has also spent considerable time on awareness; bringing his story to school staff meetings and service groups.

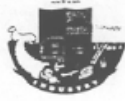
We endorse John's request to Vaughan Council to proclaim the week of April 18th as Parkinson's Awareness week in Vaughan. Parkinson's affects nearly 100,000 Canadians and we appreciate any help you and City council can offer John in bringing awareness of this debilitating neurodegenerative disease to your community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Karen Dowell'.

Karen Dowell
Coordinator Special Events

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Mario F. Ferri
Regional Councillor

MEMORANDUM

DATE: December 6, 2004

TO: Sybil Fernandes

FROM: Regional Councillor Mario Ferri

SUBJECT: DEPUTATION FOR COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JANUARY 17, 2005

I met this morning with Mr. John Scaini, a resident of Maple. By copy of this memo, please ensure that he be placed on the agenda for a deputation. A letter from the Parkinson Society Canada is attached.

Mr. Scaini's home address is 104 Valleyway Cres., Maple, ON L6A 1K8

Thank you for attending to this matter.