

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –  
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MONTH**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That September 2005 be proclaimed as “**Big Brothers Big Sisters Month**”; 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 Development Coordinator, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the Development Coordinator, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, dated June 8, 2005, is attached (Attachment #1).

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is a service organization committee to matching children and youth with caring volunteer mentors and the agency’s goal is to expand its recruitment drive in order to serve more children and youth in our community.

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*”..

**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 September 2005 be proclaimed as “Big Brothers Big Sisters Month” 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 Development Coordinator, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, dated June 8, 2005

**Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

**Mauti, Kay**

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**From:** Leach, John  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2005 11:04 AM  
**To:** Mauti, Kay  
**Subject:** FW: Proclamation of Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Patricia Quinn-Dent [mailto:patriciaq@bbbsy.ca]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, June 08, 2005 10:43 AM  
**To:** Carolyn Lance - Town of Georgina; Clerk - East Gwillimbury; Clerk - King; Clerk - Newmarket; Clerk - Richmond Hill; Leach, John; Clerk - Whitchurch-Stouffville; Manager of Secretariat Services - Markham; Regional Clerk; Tim Jones  
**Subject:** Proclamation of Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

Good Morning,

Attached is a Proclamation for Big Brothers Big Sisters Month - September 2005. <<2005 Proclamation.doc>>

I ask that you have this proclamation read out at the next appropriate council meeting, prior to September. Also, if you could have this information written up in each of your 'community pages', it would be much appreciated.

Could you please let me know when the proclamation will be made....for my records! Your continued support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is greatly appreciated.

Patricia Quinn-Dent  
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Big Brothers Big Sisters of York  
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6/8/2005

## PROCLAMATION

### **Big Brothers Big Sisters Month** **September 2005**

**WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is a wonderful service organization committed to matching children and youth with caring, volunteer mentors;

**AND WHEREAS**, evidence-based research has shown that the Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring model contributes directly to increased academic achievement, better family and peer relationships, a substantially lower reliance on social assistance, reduced criminal behaviour, and a more successful transition from school to work;

**AND WHEREAS**, the future of our Big Brothers Big Sisters agency depends not only on its past impact, but also on the future impact for its Little Brothers and Little Sisters and the continued commitment to its Big Brothers and Big Sisters;

**AND WHEREAS**, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York relies heavily on the strength and dedication of its volunteers who, through their commitment and support, make a profound difference in the lives of children and youth in our community;

**AND WHEREAS**, the agency's goal is to expand its recruitment drive in order to serve more children and youth in our community;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, \_\_\_\_\_, *Chairperson or Mayor of municipality*,

**DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** September, 2005 as **Big Brothers Big Sisters Month**. I encourage everyone to "Share a Little Magic" by logging onto [www.bbbsy.ca](http://www.bbbsy.ca) to learn more about the volunteer programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.