

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOVEMBER 7, 2005

PROCLAMATION REQUEST - RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That November 13 - 20, 2005 be proclaimed as "Restorative Justice 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.

Economic Impact

N/A

Purpose

To respond to the request received from Correctional Service Canada.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from Correctional Service Canada, dated October 11, 2005, 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 if the event, campaigns or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"*.

Correctional Services Canada has requested the City publicize this proclamation to provide an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

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 November 13 - 20, 2005 be proclaimed as "Restorative Justice 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 Correctional Service Canada, dated October 11, 2005

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk



Correctional Service Canada / Service correctionnel Canada

Commissioner / Commissaire
Ottawa, Canada
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Your file / Votre référence

Our file / Notre référence

As the new Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Canada (CSC), it gives me great pleasure to call upon all Mayors, Reeves, Councillors and Community Leaders from across Canada to proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2005. CSC has been an active partner in the restorative justice community for more than a decade and has been proud to provide leadership to the annual celebration of Restorative Justice Week since 1996.

Restorative Justice Week 2005 will be held within Canada and throughout the world from November 13th through to November 20th. The theme is "**Wisdom Gained Through Experience**" focussing on sharing the concrete learning and results that have come from the growing experience of practitioners and stakeholders in the application of restorative justice concepts and techniques.

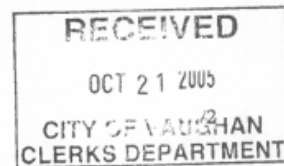
Things you could do as a leader in your community include the following:

- Declare / proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2005.

Please visit our website for a printable copy of a generic proclamation at: http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/forum/restore2005/home_e.shtml.

- Host a town hall meeting to promote an awareness of how restorative justice is expressed in your communities.
- Promote an open, respectful dialogue in an effort to help members of your community deal with issues such as community safety and relationship deterioration caused by conflict, in order to nurture the healing process.

• Invite a guest speaker(s) from your community involved in restorative justice to share their perspectives. You may find such speakers in local community organizations or contact CSC's Restorative Justice and Dispute Resolution Branch for a list of available speakers across the country at: RestorativeJustice@csc-scc.gc.ca



Canada

Last year's participation was a great success and we are hoping to build on that this year with your support. Please let us know if your city, town or village is planning an event or proclaiming Restorative Justice Week 2005 as we would like to recognise your participation in our national report. In this regard, if you choose to participate, it would be appreciated if you could fax a copy of the proclamation with contact information to the attention of John Green at (613) 992-2653.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Coulter".

Keith Coulter