

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE NOVEMBER 7, 2005

PROCLAMATION REQUEST - WORLD AIDS DAY

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That November 24 – December 1, 2005 be proclaimed as “World AIDS Week and December 1, 2005 as World AIDS Day; 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 Aids Committee of York Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from Aids Committee of York Region, dated November 1, 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 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*”.

Aids Committee of York Region has requested the City publicize this proclamation to recognize the impact of HIV/AIDS and the need for tolerance, understanding and prevention.

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 24 – December 1, 2005 be proclaimed as “World AIDS Week and December 1, 2005 as World AIDS Day. and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment #1 - Correspondence from Aids Committee of York Region, dated November 1, 2005

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

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ATTACHMENT #1

DiPonio, Sandra

From: acyr@bellnet.ca
Sent: Tuesday, November 01, 2005 1:01 PM
To: mayor@township.king.on.ca; rgrossi@town.georgina.on.ca; officemayor@richmondhill.ca; mayor.sherban@townofws.com; tjones@town.aurora.on.ca; jyoung@eastwillimbury.ca; dcousens@markham.ca; nmayor@newmarket.ca; Di Biase, Michael
Subject: World AIDS Day
Attachments: Proclamation Letter.doc; Proclamation_2005.doc



Proclamation Letter.doc (60 KB)... Proclamation_2005.doc (57 KB)

Please find attached a Proclamation Letter requesting your Town/Township to declare November 24 - Dec 1st World AIDS Week and Dec 1st World AIDS Day, as well as a copy of the Proclamation.

As World AIDS Week is only a month away we are emailing each Town/Township a copy of the letter of request and proclamation. We have also mailed a hard copy to your Town/Township which we hope you will sign and post during World AIDS Week.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact The AIDS Committee of York Region at 905-953-0248 or Email: acyr@bellnet.ca

Thank-you in advance for your support of those affected by AIDS in York Region.

Doreen Jaynes
 Program Manager

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AIDS COMMITTEE OF YORK REGION

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E-mail: acyr@bellnet.ca

Website: www.acyr.org

November 1, 2005

Re: Proclamation of World AIDS Day- December 1, 2005

December 1 is World's AIDS Day and each year more and more communities across the country issue proclamations to recognize the impact of HIV/AIDS and the need for tolerance, understanding and prevention.

The AIDS Committee of York Region is requesting all the municipalities of York to proclaim November 24 - December 1, 2005 as World AIDS Week and December 1st as World AIDS Day.

Your assistance in this matter would be appreciated. Should there be any queries please contact us at 905-895 4511 ext. 3507 or acyr@bellnet.ca

Thank you in advance for your help in this important matter.

Sincerely,

Pam Cornelius
Chair – AIDS Committee of York Region



Proclamation
Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week
World AIDS Day
November 24 – December 1, 2005



WHEREAS the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) estimates that more than 40 million people are infected with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) worldwide,

WHEREAS UNAIDS has called upon governments, organizations and individuals to Recognize the week of November 24 to December 1, 2005 as HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day with the theme "One person can make a difference", the goals of which are:

- ✚ to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS, challenge discrimination towards those affected or infected with HIV/AIDS,
- ✚ to challenge stigma and discrimination based on gender, sexual orientation, culture, ethnicity and race as it relates to HIV/AIDS, and
- ✚ to promote and support HIV prevention efforts.

WHEREAS every day in Canada, 11 people are infected with HIV, and unfortunately, thousands of Canadians still face HIV-related stigma and discrimination.

WHEREAS Health Canada estimates that almost 57,000 Canadians are currently living with HIV/AIDS and 15,000 Canadians are unaware they are infected.

WHEREAS the number of Canadians living with HIV/AIDS continues to increase with approximately 4,200 new infections each year,

WHEREAS in the absence of a cure or vaccine, education is our only defense against HIV/AIDS, and

WHEREAS Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and World AIDS Day offer an opportunity to enhance tolerance and understanding while communicating prevention information about the epidemic,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that I, _____,
do hereby proclaim November 24 to December 1, 2005 Canadian HIV/AIDS Awareness Week and December 1, 2005 World AIDS Day for (city/town/organization)
