

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –  
CANCER MONTH**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 2006 be proclaimed as “**Cancer 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 Vaughan in Motion...Walk to Cure Cancer.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from Vaughan in Motion... Walk to Cure Cancer, dated February 9, 2006, 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*”.

Vaughan in Motion...Walk to Cure Cancer wishes to motivate and mobilize the residents of Vaughan and beyond in the fight to cure Cancer. 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 April 2006 be proclaimed as “Cancer Month” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

**Attachments**

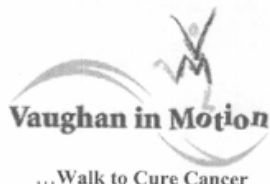
Attachment #1 - Correspondence from Vaughan in Motion...Walk to Cure Cancer, dated February 9, 2006

**Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk



**To: John Leach,**  
City Clerk, City of Vaughan

Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006

**Re: Request for Proclamation and Deputation**

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Dear Mr. Leach,

We would like to request that the City of Vaughan proclaim the month of April as "Cancer Awareness Month". We would also like an opportunity to make a Deputation to the Council members at the next earliest meeting.

**About Vaughan in Motion:**

*Vaughan in Motion* is a volunteer driven organization determined to find a cure for all types of cancer by funding vital Canadian research, raising awareness, motivating and educating youth, and supporting the cancer patients and their families who live in our community. Our volunteers have worked alongside the Canadian Cancer Society; together raising over \$240,000 since 1998.

**Why is raising money to Cure Cancer so important?**

\*From the National Cancer Institute of Canada

- One in Four Canadians' cause of death will be some form of Cancer
- Roughly 40% of Canadians will develop some form of Cancer in their lifetime.
- All forms of Cancer are projected to increase by 70% by 2013
- **Cancer will soon become the leading cause of death in Canada.**
- In York Region
  - Cancer Mortality is increasing 42% faster than the Ontario Average
  - Breast and Prostate Cancer occurs at double the Ontario Average
  - Lung Cancer is increasing at double the provincial rate.

**Our Goal:**

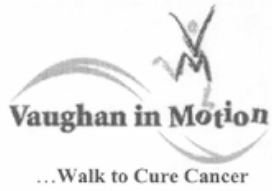
We want to get residents from Vaughan and beyond motivated and mobilized in the fight to cure Cancer. The 5km indoor walk around Vaughan Mills will be a fun and exciting way for local residents to get involved and support the Canadian Cancer Society.

Please let me know what date has been selected; my cell# is 416-821-6061.

Thank you very much.

Peter Badali,

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