

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
NATIONAL DAY OF MOURNING
FOR WORKERS KILLED OR INJURED IN WORKPLACE ACCIDENTS**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 28th, 2006 be proclaimed as a “National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured in Workplace Accidents”;
- 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; and
- 3) That the City’s flags be lowered to half-mast on April 28th, 2006.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Labour Council, Toronto & York Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from Mr. John Cartwright, President, Labour Council, Toronto & York Region, dated March 28, 2006, is attached (Attachment 1).

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City’s Proclamation Policy as the matter relates to municipal business.

The Labour Council has requested the City of Vaughan commemorate this National Day. Last year Council proclaimed “April 28th as a National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured in Workplace Accidents” and directed that the City’s flags be lowered to half mast. A Memorial ceremony will be held on Friday, April 28th at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Monument to Workers at the Woodbridge Memorial Arena at Islington and Highway 7.

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 proclamations.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2007

This report is consistent with the priorities set forth in Vaughan Vision 2007, particularly ‘A-1’, “Pursue Excellence in the Delivery of Core Services” and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending:

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Attachments

Attachment 1 - Correspondence from Mr. John Cartwright, President, Labour Council, Toronto & York Region, dated March 28, 2006

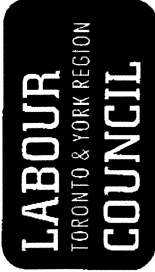
Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach, City Clerk

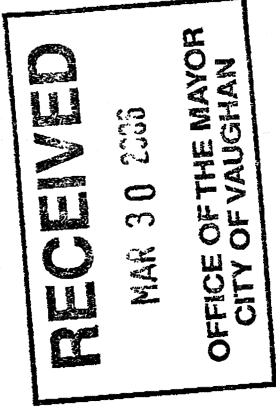
John Leach



March 28, 2006

Mayor Michael DiBiase
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
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Dear Mayor DiBiase:



Re: National Day of Mourning

Since 1991, April 28th has been recognized nationally as the Day of Mourning.

For the first time we are planning a memorial ceremony in York Region. The ceremony will be held on Friday, April 28th, at 11:00 a.m. in front of the Monument to Workers at the Woodbridge Memorial Arena at Islington and Highway 7.

I am writing to ask that the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville commemorate this National Day. The Labour Council is requesting that the Town:

1. Officially proclaim Friday, April 28th as a "Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job".
2. Publicize the proclamation as widely as possible.
3. Lower the Town's flags to half-mast.

Yours truly,

John Cartwright
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