

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

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That September 2006 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.

Economic Impact

None

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 19, 2006, 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 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 September 2006 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 19, 2006

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach,
City Clerk

Janice Atwood-Petkovski,
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services

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ATTACHMENT #1

CLERK'S DEPT.

From: Patricia Quinn-Dent [mailto:patriciaq@bbbsy.ca]

Sent: Monday, June 19, 2006 4:01 PM

To: Anita Moore (E-mail); Bob Panizza (E-mail); Chris Somerville (E-mail); Denis Kelly (E-mail); Deputy Clerk Anna Knowles (E-mail); Leach, John; Michele Kennedy (E-mail); Robert Prowse; Roland Chenier (E-mail); Sheila Birrell (E-mail)

Cc: Moragh Wolfe

Subject: Proclamation of Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

Good Afternoon,

Attached is a proclamation announcing 'September as Big Brothers Big Sisters Month 2006'. This celebration is recognized across the country and supported by many towns, cities and municipalities.

I request that you have the proclamation read out at the next appropriate Council Meeting prior to September and that you post/announce the proclamation in the appropriate media, ie. Community Pages, Town Page, website, etc.

If you wouldn't mind - please let me know when the proclamation will be made.....for my records.
<<2006 Proclamation.doc>>

Thank you very much. Your support of our organization is much appreciated.

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"You must become the change you want to see in the world" Australian

PROCLAMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters Month **September 2006**

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, 2006 as **Big Brothers Big Sisters Month**. I encourage everyone to "Share a Little Magic" by logging onto www.bbbsy.ca to learn more about the volunteer programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.