

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OCTOBER 1, 2007

PROCLAMATION REQUEST RESTORATIVE JUSTICE WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That November 18 - 25, 2007 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.

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from Correctional Service Canada.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from Correctional Service Canada, received September 6, 2007, 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*". Council has approved this proclamation in the past.

Correctional Service 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.

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.

Regional Implications

This proclamation provides an opportunity for the Region to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending November 18 - 25, 2007 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,

Report prepared by:

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

John D. Leach,
City Clerk

Janice Atwood-Petkovski,
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Service



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Your file Votre référence

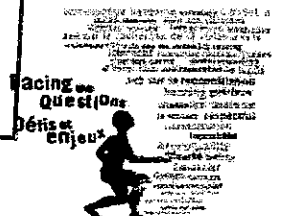
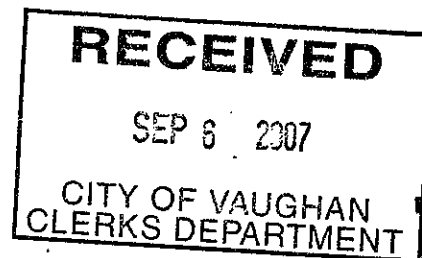
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It is with great pleasure that I call upon all mayors, reeves, councillors and community leaders from across Canada to proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2007. The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) has been an active partner in the restorative justice community for more than a decade and has been proud to provide leadership to the annual celebration since 1996.

Restorative Justice Week 2007 will be held within Canada and throughout the world from November 18-25. This year's theme, "**Facing the Questions**", focuses on sharing best practices and lessons learned from those who are involved in restorative justice. In the past, a growing number of communities have responded to this challenge. In 2005, for example, 111 towns and cities across Canada proclaimed Restorative Justice Week.

Here are some suggested steps you can take as leaders in your community:

- Declare/proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2007. Please visit www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/portals/rj/index_e.shtml for a printable proclamation form.
- Host a town hall meeting to promote awareness of restorative justice in your community.
- To help nurture the healing process, promote open, respectful dialogue regarding issues such as public safety and the effects of conflict in your community.
- Challenge your community partners to create a local planning committee for Restorative Justice Week 2007 activities.
- Invite a guest speaker from your community who is involved in restorative justice to share his or her perspective. Speakers are available through CSC's Chaplaincy/Restorative Justice Branch at: RestorativeJustice@csc-scc.gc.ca





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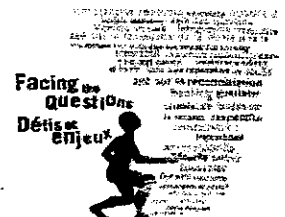
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C'est avec grand plaisir que j'invite tous les maires, les préfets, les conseillers municipaux et les dirigeants de collectivités à l'échelle du pays à proclamer la Semaine de la justice réparatrice 2007. Le Service correctionnel du Canada (SCC) est un partenaire dynamique de la communauté de la justice réparatrice depuis plus d'une dizaine d'années et est fier d'avoir joué, à ce titre, un rôle de premier plan dans la célébration de cet événement annuel depuis 1996.

Cette année, la Semaine de la justice réparatrice se tiendra, au Canada comme ailleurs dans le monde, du 18 au 25 novembre. Le thème, « **Défis et enjeux** », met l'accent sur la communication des pratiques exemplaires et des leçons retenues de l'expérience de ceux et celles qui œuvrent dans le domaine. Depuis des années, de plus en plus de communautés ont relevé ce défi. En 2005, par exemple, 111 villes et villages situés un peu partout au Canada ont décidé d'annoncer haut et fort la tenue de la Semaine de la justice réparatrice.

Voici quelques suggestions à mettre en œuvre dans vos collectivités respectives :

- Proclamer la Semaine de la justice réparatrice 2007. **Pour obtenir la version imprimable d'une proclamation générique, veuillez consulter notre site Web à l'adresse suivante : www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/portals/rj/index_f.shtml**
- Organiser une séance de discussion ouverte pour promouvoir la sensibilisation à la justice réparatrice au sein de votre collectivité.
- Pour contribuer au processus de guérison, encourager des échanges francs et respectueux sur des questions comme la sécurité publique et les effets de conflits sur la collectivité.
- Proposer à vos partenaires communautaires de créer un comité de planification local aux fins de l'organisation des activités de la Semaine de la justice réparatrice.
- Inviter un intervenant du domaine de la justice réparatrice dans votre collectivité à donner un exposé pour faire part de sa perspective au public. Vous pouvez notamment vous adresser à la Direction de l'aumônerie et de la justice réparatrice (RestorativeJustice@csc-scc.gc.ca) pour entrer en contact avec des conférenciers pour vos activités.





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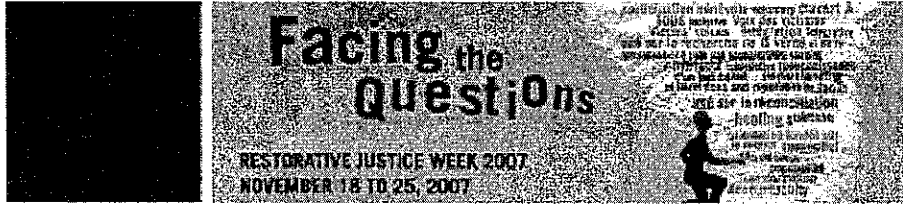
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Generic Proclamation

WHEREAS, in the face of crime or conflict, restorative justice offers a philosophy and approach that views these matters principally as harm done to people and relationships; and

WHEREAS, restorative justice approaches strive to provide support and opportunities for the voluntary participation and communication between those affected by crime and conflict (victims, offenders, community) to encourage accountability, reparation and a movement towards understanding, feelings of satisfaction, healing and closure; and

WHEREAS, this year's theme for Restorative Justice Week is "Facing the Questions", it is an opportunity to learn, educate and celebrate along with other communities across the country about restorative justice during the week.

THEREFORE, I, _____, (Title) of the (location) of _____, do hereby proclaim November 18 - November 25, 2007 as Restorative Justice Week in the (Location) of _____



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Important Notices