

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
PARKINSON'S AWARENESS MONTH**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the month of April 2007 be proclaimed as "**PARKINSON'S DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**"; and
- 2) That a permit be issued at no charge for the use of space, tables and chairs at the Garnet Williams Community Centre, Maple Community Centre, Vellore Community Centre and Al Palladini Community Centre on Saturday, April 14, 2007 for the purpose of selling flowers to raise money for research; and
- 3) 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

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. Corporate Communications will, given sufficient lead-time, issue news releases in support of the proclamation.

Purpose

To respond to requests received from the Central & Northern Ontario, Parkinson Society Canada and John Scaini.

Background - Analysis and Options

Copies of correspondence received from the Central & Northern Ontario, Parkinson Society Canada and John Scaini, are attached (Attachments #1 and #2).

The proclamation request meets one of the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, namely, "*which are promoted by an organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act*".

The Parkinson Society Canada has requested the City publicize this proclamation and encourage everyone to support Parkinson Society Canada during its Spring Campaign. Council has approved this proclamation in previous years.

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

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that the month of April 2007 be proclaimed as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month", that space be made available at Garnet Williams Community Centre, Maple Community Centre, Vellore Community Centre and Al Palladini Community Centre on April 14, 2007 to accommodate the sale of flowers, 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 Central & Northern Ontario, Parkinson Society Canada. Dated February 13, 2007

Attachment #2 Correspondence from John Scaini, dated February 15, 2007

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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To: *Shahed* From: *Rama Dawood* CLERK'S DEPT.

Company: *City of Vaughan* Date: *Feb 13/07*

Re: *Proclamation* Pages: *3*

Fax: *905-832-8535* Tel: *416-227-3376*

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Request for Proclamation?

MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

“April is Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada is celebrating over 40 years as the national organization that helps to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy and support services to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson’s disease.
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 100,000 Canadians, and 6.3 million people world-wide, have Parkinson’s disease today.
- WHEREAS:** There is no way to predict or prevent Parkinson’s disease. It strikes randomly – affecting all genders, races, socio-economic groups and lifestyles. Parkinson’s disease is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative illness that slowly but dramatically robs people of their independence over time. For most affected, their minds remain sharp while they endure an ever-changing combination of tremors, slowness, stiffness, balance problems, speech problems, rigid muscles, and pain. Many have difficulty walking, talking, and/or swallowing.
- WHEREAS:** Canadians with Parkinson’s disease and their caregivers rely on Parkinson Society Canada to provide them with information, resources and support groups to help better manage the physical and psychological effects of this debilitating disease.
- WHEREAS:** Through our partnerships with our twelve regional partners, health care professionals, research associations, and volunteers, Parkinson Society Canada touches every community across the country.
- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada has funded almost \$11.5 million dollars in research grants in its quest to find better treatment, and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease.
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, Linda Jackson, Mayor of the **City of Vaughan**, do hereby proclaim **April 2007** as “**Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month**” and encourage everyone to support Parkinson Society Canada during its Spring Campaign.

Leach, John

From: john scaini [johnscaini@rogers.com]
Sent: Tuesday, February 13, 2007 9:02 AM
To: Leach, John
Cc: Ferri, Mario; Jackson, Linda; Thorne, Kathy; Christopher Rawn-Kane
Subject: re:deputation

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CLERK'S DEPT.

Mr. Leach

I am requesting 10 minutes of time on March 5, 2007
at the committee of the whole meeting, to make a deputation.
I will be requesting that April be declared Parkinson's Disease Awareness month
and that space and tables and chairs be given in kind at the following centres:
Garnet Williams CC; Maple CC; Vellore CC; Al Pallidini CC.
on Saturday April 14 2007,
where fresh cut tulips will be sold to raise money for research,
plus provide some facts and figures will be presented.

thank you
John Scaini

2/16/2007