

**PROCLAMATION –  
SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH JUNE 2007**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June be proclaimed as “SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS 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**

Not applicable

**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 the Chair, Board of Directors of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, dated April 12, 2007 (Attachment #1).

**Background - Analysis and Options**

A request has been received from the Chair, Board of Directors of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario to proclaim June as “Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month” (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”*. This proclamation has been issued in previous years by the City.

The Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario wishes to build awareness and drive education, research, support, care and advocacy to help find a cure while continuing to improve the quality of life of all individuals with Spina Bifida and/or hydrocephalus.

**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 will bring awareness of Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus throughout the Region.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending the month of June 2007 be proclaimed as "Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness 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 Chair, Board of Directors of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, dated April 12, 2007

**Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach, City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

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John D. Leach,  
City Clerk

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Janice Atwood-Petkovski,  
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF VAUGHAN

April 12, 2007

Mayor Linda Jackson  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
CITY OF VAUGHAN

Dear Mayor Jackson:

In 2006, the City of Vaughan graciously proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We would like to thank you for helping raise awareness of these life long, complex conditions.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charity, has been making a positive difference in the lives of individuals affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h) for over 34 years. SB&H provides support through the many challenges brought on by these serious, disabling conditions.

We are requesting that the City of Vaughan once again declare June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We enclose a sample declaration for your convenience.

Again, thank you for making a difference through your proclamation and for considering this year's request.

Sincerely,

*Derryn V. Gill*

Derryn V. Gill  
Chair, Board of Directors

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## **SAMPLE PROCLAMATION**

- WHEREAS** the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families; and
- WHEREAS** Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS** the there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and
- WHEREAS** the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, therefore

### **BE IT RESOLVED**

That the City of Vaughan hereby proclaims the month of June to be

### **SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH**

in the City of Vaughan and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

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Signature

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Date