

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –
ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That July 6 through July 8, 2007 be proclaimed as “Ontario Family Fishing Weekend”; 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

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 the request received from the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Ontario Family Fishing Week Steering Committee, dated April 27, 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 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*”.

The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee has requested the City publicize this proclamation to declare one summer weekend a licence-free-fishing weekend. The City has granted this request in previous years.

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.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that July 6 through July 8, 2007 be proclaimed as "Ontario Family Fishing Weekend" 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 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee, dated April 27, 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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April 27, 2007

TO: All Ontario Municipalities

SUBJECT: 2007 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend



As you know, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many nongovernment organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, declares one summer weekend (Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8, 2007) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, now run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 1-8, 2007, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



Would you please help us publicize the 2007 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Ice Fishing Weekend February 23 and 24, 2008. There will be more details on this later in the year.



For further information, please contact the following during business hours:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (705)-748-6324
Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (705)-755-1902

Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Conservation,

Mark Cousins
Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee

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