

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST – PRIDE WEEK**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the week of September 3 – 9, 2007 be proclaimed PRIDE Week; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website, published on the City Page space permitting.

**Economic Impact**

None

**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 a request received from the Executive Director, Addictions Services for York Region and the Co-ordinator, York Region LGBT Community Outreach Project on behalf of the York Pride Fest Committee, dated June 1, 2007.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

A request has been received from the Executive Director, Addictions Services for York Region and the Co-ordinator, York Region LGBT Community Outreach Project on behalf of the York Pride Fest Committee, to proclaim September 3 – 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007, as PRIDE Week (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*".

Addictions Services for York Region is a registered charity. The City of Vaughan has issued this proclamation in the past.

**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**

This proclamation will bring awareness to this celebration of differences and protection of equity within the Region.

**Conclusion**

It is being recommended that September 3 – 9, 2007 be proclaimed PRIDE Week, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

**Attachments**

Attachment #1 – Letter from the Executive Director, Addictions Services for York Region and the Co-ordinator, York Region LGBT Community Outreach Project on behalf of the York Pride Fest Committee, dated June 1, 2007.

**Report prepared by:**

John D. Leach

Respectfully submitted,

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John D. Leach,  
City Clerk

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Janice Atwood-Petkovski,  
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services

June 1, 2007

Mr. John Leach, City Clerk  
City of Vaughan  
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**RE: PROCLAMATION OF YORK REGION PRIDE WEEK SEPTEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> THROUGH 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2007**

Dear Mr. Leach:

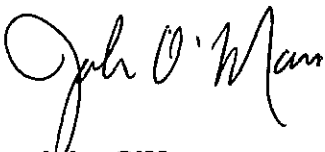
As you know, York Region is one of the fastest growing and diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to participate in the celebration of differences and protection of equity within their constituencies.

The *York Pride Fest Committee* is a group of volunteer leaders who have assembled to organize York Region's Pride Week celebrations for 2007. The members represent a strong LGBT-Straight alliance of York Region service providers and community members dedicated to the creation and growth of **YORK PRIDE FEST** as one of the largest cultural events in York Region.

On behalf of the *York Pride Fest Committee*, we are writing to request participation and leadership from Your Worship and the City of Vaughan through the Proclamation of Pride Week in Vaughan, September 3<sup>rd</sup> through September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007. Your Proclamation would be a valued acknowledgment of the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities living in York Region.

This year marks the seventh annual celebration of Pride Week in York Region and we look forward to your positive response regarding the continuation of this important tradition in Vaughan. We thank you for your consideration of our request and look forward to welcoming you to some of the exciting activities happening throughout York Region the week of September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007.

Sincerely,



**John O'Mara**  
Committee Co-Chair  
Executive Director  
Addictions Services for York Region



**Barb Urman**  
Committee Co-Chair  
Coordinator, York Region LGBT  
Community Outreach Project

