

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - MAY 5 2008**

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST –  
ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND JULY 4 – 6, 2008**

**Recommendation**

The Deputy City Clerk in consultation with the Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services/City Solicitor recommends:

- 1) That July 4 through July 6, 2008 be proclaimed as “Ontario Family Fishing Weekend”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and 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 the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the Ontario Family Fishing Week Steering Committee, dated April 7, 2008, is attached (Attachment #1).

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

“That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

- (i) 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 2020**

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 July 4 through July 6, 2008 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 7, 2008

Report prepared by:

Sybil Fernandes, Deputy City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

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Sybil Fernandes,  
Deputy City Clerk

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Janice Atwood-Petkovski,  
Commissioner of Legal and Administrative Services

Attachment # 1



April 11, 2008

TO: All Ontario Municipalities

SUBJECT: 2008 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 4 through Sunday, July 6, 2008) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, again run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 5-13, 2008, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



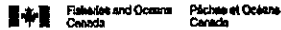
Would you please help us publicize the 2008 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Fishing Winter Weekend February 14-16, 2009. 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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