

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MARCH 31, 2009

PROCLAMATION REQUEST CHILD FIND ONTARIO – GREEN RIBBON OF HOPE MONTH

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2009 be proclaimed as “The Child Find Ontario – Green Ribbon of Hope Month”; 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 the space availability.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Fundraising & Development Coordinator of Child Find Ontario, dated March 2, 2009.

Background - Analysis and Options

Child Find Ontario is a registered charitable children’s organization whose mandate is to assist parents and law enforcement agencies search for missing children and teenagers. Child Find Ontario wishes to increase public awareness of this problem and help reduce the incidence as well as help locate missing children. This year, Child Find Ontario celebrates its 18th Green Ribbon of Hope month in May as well as celebrating their 25th year anniversary.

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”

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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 May 2009 be proclaimed as "The Child Find Ontario – Green Ribbon of Hope Month"; and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the

Attachments

Attachment #1 Correspondence from Child Find Ontario, dated March 2, 2009

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk

Sample Proclamation

Child Find Ontario's 18th Green Ribbon of Hope Month in May

- WHEREAS** over 60,000 children were reported missing last year in Canada and thousands more are the victims of exploitation; and
- WHEREAS** children and families in Ontario are victims of this tragedy; and
- WHEREAS** increased awareness of the problem is needed to help reduce the incidence of missing children and teenagers, as well as to help locate missing children; and
- WHEREAS** this a community issue, not just a family one; and
- WHEREAS** a Missing Child is Everyone's Responsibility; and
- WHEREAS** this month is set aside to rekindle new hope in the search for all missing children; and
- WHEREAS** this month supports National Missing Children's Day on May 25th; and is also Child Find Ontario's 25th Year Anniversary

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT I,

do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2009** as

MISSING CHILDREN'S MONTH IN [MUNICIPALITY]

and join Child Find Ontario and all law enforcement agencies in urging citizens in Ontario to remain vigilant in our common desire to protect and nurture the youth of Ontario.