

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 20, 2009

PROCLAMATION REQUEST – GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk in recommends:

- 1) That April May 4th through May 8th, 2009 be proclaimed as “Girls Rights Week”; 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 Executive Director of Girls Incorporated® of York Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Executive Director of Girls Incorporated® of York Region, dated March 24, 2009, 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”

Girls Incorporated® of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The various programs offered help girls and young women develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life, while giving them the skills needed to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society

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 4th through May 8th, 2009 be proclaimed as "Girls Rights Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment #1 -Correspondence from Girls Incorporated® of York Region, dated March 24, 2009

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

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Attachment # 1

March 24, 2009

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**girls
inc.®**

Inspiring all girls to
be strong, smart
and boldSM

**RE: PROCLAMATION OF GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK,
MAY 4 TO MAY 8, 2009**

Dear Mr. Abrams,

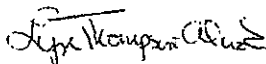
York Region is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to celebrate the protection of equality within their constituencies.

Girls Incorporated® of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The programs that we offer are designed to help girls develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in girls and young women, while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

We are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Vaughan through the proclamation of *Girl's Rights Week* in Vaughan, May 4th through May 8th, 2009. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and organizations to promote their healthy development. We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,



Lyn Thompson-Alcock
Executive Director

