

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 12, 2009

**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 2009 be proclaimed as "Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness 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 space availability.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Executive Director of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Executive Director of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, dated May 1, 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"

For over 35 years, the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario has made a positive difference in the lives of individuals affected by Spina Bifida and/or Hydrocephalus. Their programs and services respond to the unique needs and many challenges brought on by these serious and disabling conditions. This proclamation request will assist Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario raise awareness of these life long, complex conditions.

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 June 2009 be proclaimed as "Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month", 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 Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, dated May 1, 2009

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



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May 1, 2009

Mayor Linda Jackson
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Jackson:

In 2008, the City of Vaughan graciously proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We would like to thank you for helping raise awareness of these life long, complex conditions.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charity, has been making a positive difference in the lives of individuals affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h) for over 35 years. Our programs and services respond to the unique needs and many challenges brought on by these serious, disabling conditions.

We are requesting that the City of Vaughan once again declare June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We enclose a sample declaration for your convenience.

Again, thank you for making a difference through your proclamation and for considering this year's request.

Sincerely,

Joan Booth
Executive Director

Encl.

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SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families; and

WHEREAS Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and

WHEREAS the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED

That the city of Vaughan hereby proclaims the month of June 2009 to be

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in the city of Vaughan and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

Signature

Date