

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MAY 12, 2009

PROCLAMATION REQUEST **RICK HANSEN WHEELS IN MOTION DAY**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 14, 2009 be proclaimed as "Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day";
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page space permitting; and
- 3) That the Recreation & Culture Department, Client Services Division, work with the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day Event Committee to provide services-in-kind to support the event, on the terms and rates provided for under current City policy.

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 Event Committee, Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Vaughan, dated April 20, 2009. (Attachment #1)

Background - Analysis and Options

A request has been received from the Event Committee of the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Vaughan, dated April 20, 2009 to proclaim June 14, 2009 as "Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day". The organizers are in the planning stages of the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion event, to be held at the Vellore Village Community Centre, 1 Villa Royale Avenue, Woodbridge. The event features a wheelchair challenge where teams race through an obstacle course designed to foster a better understanding of what it is like to live life in a wheelchair. More than 41,000 Canadians are affected with spinal cord injury (SCI) and the funds raised by this event will help improve the quality of life and also raise awareness of spinal cord injury.

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

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issues 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 group requested information on the support available through the City regarding permits and services in kind. Facility rentals and services-in-kind (e.g. picnic tables, generators and sound system) are available to this group at rates provided for under current City policy.

Recognizing that the Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion group is a Community Service Organization (CSO) the associated fees would be at the subsidized CSO rate.

Staff will work with the group to mitigate expenses consistent with practices applied to similar groups and within the Council approved policy.

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 14, 2009 be proclaimed "Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Day", that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page, space permitting and that the Recreation & Culture Department, Client Services Division, work with the organization to pursue their rental options for the event.

Attachments

Attachment #1 Correspondence from the Event Committee, Rick Hansen Wheels in Motion Vaughan, dated April 20, 2009.

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk

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April 20, 2009

Attachment # 1

Dear Mayor Linda D Jackson & members of council:

Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion, presented by Scotiabank, takes place in communities across Canada on Sunday, June 14th, 2009. Funds raised help improve the quality of life of people living with spinal cord injury (SCI).

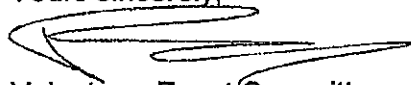
We would like to extend an invitation to you and all city employees, their families and friends to participate at our local Wheels In Motion event taking place on **Sunday, June 14th**. The event features a wheelchair challenge where teams race against the clock through an obstacle course designed to foster a better understanding of what it is like to navigate through life in a wheelchair.

We are currently in the planning stages for our event and would be grateful for any support the City can provide to us regarding event logistics, permits etc. We would also like to take this opportunity to ask if consideration could be given to proclaim, **Sunday, June 14th** as "Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion Day" in Vaughan. This year, Rick Hansen Wheels In Motion will be held at Vellore Village Community Centre, 1 Villa Royale Avenue Woodbridge, Ontario L4H 2Z7.

More than 41,000 Canadians live with SCI, and 1,200 new injuries occur each year. This event provides the opportunity for our community to come together and inspire others to make a difference.

In advance, I would like to thank you for your consideration toward our requests and will call your office in the next few days to discuss how we might be able to work together towards a successful event in our community on **Sunday, June 14th**.

Yours sincerely,



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