

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE JUNE 2, 2009

PROCLAMATION REQUEST **ONTARIO FAMILY FISHING WEEKEND JULY 10 – 12, 2009**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That July 10 – 12, 2009 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 (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters).

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee, dated May 14, 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”

The Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee(Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters) has requested the City publicize this proclamation to declare one summer weekend (Friday, July 10 through Sunday, July 12, 2009) a licence-free weekend. This special weekend runs in conjunction with National Fishing Week and includes fish festivals, clinics, conservation and educational activities. The City has granted this request in previous years.

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

NA

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that July 10 – 12, 2009 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 (Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters), dated May 14, 2009

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



May 14, 2009

TO: All Ontario Municipalities
SUBJECT: 2009 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 10 through Sunday, July 12, 2009) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, again runs in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 4-12, 2009, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



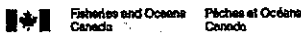
Would you please help us publicize the 2009 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Fishing Winter Weekend in February 2010. 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.

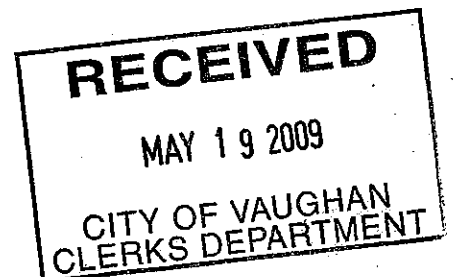
Yours in Conservation,

Mark Cousins
Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee



c/o Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters
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Peterborough, Ontario
K9J 8L5
Fax: (705) 748-9577

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Fish license-free during the Ontario Family Fishing Weekend July 10-12, 2009

If you, a friend or family member would like to try fishing in Ontario waters for the first time (or for the first time in a long time), circle the weekend of July 10-12, 2009 on your calendar. For those three days only (12:01 a.m. Friday to 11:59 p.m. Sunday), Canadian residents can enjoy the fun of fishing in Ontario without a license during the annual Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

All other regulations, fees and limits will apply

You must abide by the conservation license limits set out in the Fishing Ontario 2008-2009 Recreational Fishing Regulations Summary, available from fishing license issuers or the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources. For example, the limit on walleye and trout is two instead of five or six; some fish, such as pumpkinseed, have no limit; and of course, there is no limit to the number of fish you can release.

*Events related to this special weekend will
take place across the province.*

Fishing festivals, clinics, derbies, or educational activities may be held in your area. If you would like event information, please call the O.F.F.W. event information line at 705-748-6324 ext. 233, or visit our website at www.familyfishingweekend.com

*Remember, fish with care and concern for future generations of
people and fish. Always protect fish habitat.*

Continue your fun during National Fishing Week, July 4-12, 2009.
For more information contact www.catchfishing.com

Anglers: Please pass this information on to your nonangling friends. Consider supporting a local event, or simply introduce someone to the joys of fishing on this weekend.

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