

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - APRIL 20, 2010

PROCLAMATION REQUEST HOSPICE PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2 – 8, 2010 be proclaimed as “Hospice Palliative Care Week”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City’s website under “Events – Proclamations” and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Coordinator, Central Hospice Palliative Care Network.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Coordinator, Central Hospice Palliative Care Network, dated March 22, 2010 is attached. (Attachment 1)

The Central Hospice Palliative Network is one of fourteen hospice palliative care networks in Ontario that are funded by the Ministry of Health to provide quality hospice palliative care. This annual one week campaign will help raise awareness and support of hospice palliative care for patients, caregivers and their families.

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:

- (ii) If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter”.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular “Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness”.

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 2 – 8, 2010 be proclaimed as “Hospice Palliative Care Week” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

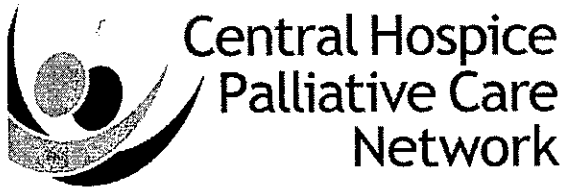
Attachment 1: Correspondence from the Central Hospice Palliative Care Network, dated March 22, 2010

Report prepared by:

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



March 22, 2010

Mr. Jeffrey Abrams,
Town Clerk,
City of Vaughan,
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr,
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mr. Abrams:

Please accept this letter requesting a proclamation for the Hospice Palliative Care Week which will occur from May 2nd - 8th, 2010. This annual event, that takes place across Canada, is a one-week campaign that focuses on raising awareness about hospice palliative care. It is also a time to celebrate, recognize and share the achievements of hospice palliative care throughout the City of Vaughan.

This year's theme is about "discovering your voice". The experiences and reflections on the value of hospice palliative care for those living with life-limiting illness, their caregivers and family members need to be shared in order to enhance understanding of hospice palliative care and its benefits. This theme is relevant to the City of Vaughan. As the aging population in the City of Vaughan grows, a significant number of deaths resulting from cancer, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorders, diabetes and other chronic conditions will continue to occur. Moreover, the growing diversity and complexity of the city make access to quality and responsive hospice palliative care services for more vulnerable citizens of Vaughan an ongoing issue.

There is a strong hospice palliative care presence in the City of Vaughan. Citizens of Vaughan are fortunate to have access to a comprehensive suite of services in any care setting (hospitals, residential hospices, long-term care homes and care at home). These services are provided by dedicated and compassionate professionals and organizations that are committed to the hospice palliative care cause.

The Central Hospice Palliative Care Network would like to request the Vaughan Council to proclaim May 2-8, 2010 Hospice Palliative Care Week in Vaughan.

We hope you will give this request your careful consideration and look forward to your response. Attached is a draft Proclamation.

Sincerely,

Jane Wangui, Ph.D.

Coordinator