

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – JUNE 1, 2010**

### **PROCLAMATION REQUEST** **UJA FEDERATION OF GREATER TORONTO WEEK**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That the week of August 22, 2010 be proclaimed as “UJA Federation of Greater Toronto 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 from the Chair, Committee on Public Affairs, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received the Chair, Committee on Public Affairs, UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, dated April 23, 2010, 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 UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is a registered charity.

UJA has requested the City to publicize this proclamation to launch their annual campaign and raise fundraising support of the dozens of non-profit agencies. The UJA Federation and its affiliated agencies assist many Canadians of all backgrounds and faiths, combating anti-Semitism and racism in all its forms, revitalizing Jewish community structures and services, fortifying Jewish identity and fostering strong ties with Israel.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular

"Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture"

**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that the week of August 22, 2010 be proclaimed as "UJA Federation of Greater Toronto 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 UJA Federation of Greater Toronto, dated April 23, 2010

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Mayor Jackson:

I am writing on behalf of UJA Federation of Greater Toronto to respectfully request that the City of Vaughan Council proclaim the week of August 22, 2010 "UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Week". That week will mark the launch of our annual campaign on August 24, 2010.

UJA Federation of Greater Toronto is the city's principal Jewish community organization, responsible for fundraising, allocations to dozens of non-profit agencies, planning and community development. UJA Federation touches the lives of virtually every Jewish community member in the Greater Toronto area. The activities of UJA Federation and its affiliated agencies include support for the vulnerable, nurturing shared values with Canadians of all backgrounds and faiths, combating anti-Semitism and racism in all its forms, revitalizing Jewish community structures and services, fortifying Jewish identity and fostering strong ties with Israel.

We are most grateful for your consideration of our request that the City of Vaughan Council proclaim the week of August 22, 2010 "UJA Federation of Greater Toronto Week".

Sincerely,

David E. Spiro  
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