

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING– MARCH 22, 2011**

### **PROCLAMATION REQUEST GIRL'S RIGHTS WEEK**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011 be proclaimed as "Girl's Rights 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 Program Coordinator of Girls Incorporated of York Region.

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

The correspondence received from the Program Coordinator of Girls Incorporated of York Region, dated February 8, 2011, 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"

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**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**

This proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that May 2<sup>nd</sup> through to May 6<sup>th</sup> be proclaimed as "Girl's Rights 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 Program Coordinator of Girls Incorporated of York Region, dated April 2, 2010

**Report prepared by:**

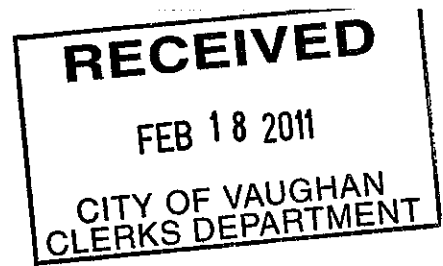
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Respectfully submitted,

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Inspiring all girls to  
be strong, smart  
and bold<sup>SM</sup>

**RE: PROCLAMATION OF GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK,  
MAY 2 – MAY 6, 2011**

York Region is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to celebrate the protection of equality within their constituencies.

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We are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Vaughan through the proclamation of *Girl's Rights Week* in Vaughan, May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and organizations to promote their healthy development. We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Bowman-Stewart". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Susan Bowman-Stewart  
Program Coordinator



**Girls Incorporated®  
of York Region Mission:**  
Empowering girls to realize their full potential through  
gender specific programming that inspires all girls to be

**STRONG,  
SMART,  
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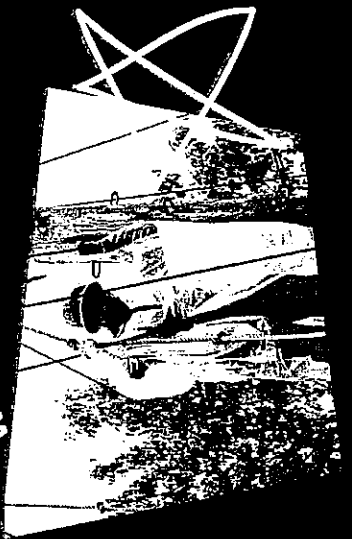
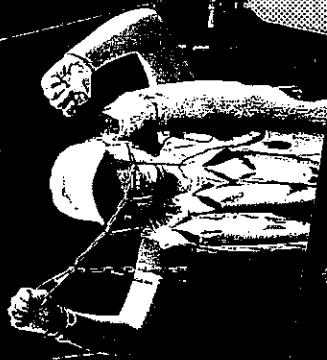


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**of York Region**



**strong**

**smart**

**bold**

Overarching Vision  
**Empowered girls and an equitable society.**

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GIYR has been operating in York Region and Bradford since 1979 and is an affiliate of Girls Incorporated, which has been serving girls as far back as 1864. As members of National Girls Incorporated, we continue to maintain the vision of empowering girls and an equitable society by being the nation's leading voice for girls, ages 6-18 years.



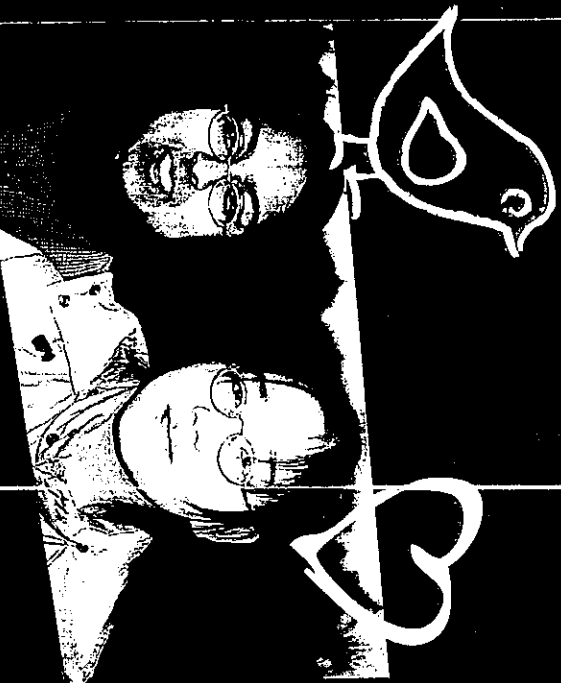
**PROGRAMS**

**Lunch Programs** – Girls in grades 1 – 8 spend their lunch with Girls Inc. one day per week for the school year.  
**After School Programs** – Girls join Girls Inc. after school, one to five days per week for the school year.  
**Weekends** – Sports, Sporting Events, Photography Workshops – Building Futures... Together

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Program Facilitator
- Board of Directors
- Program Leader
- Office support
- Workshop Facilitators
- Special Events

\* Police checks are required for all positions.



**WHO!**  
 ALL GIRLS AGES 6 - 18 YEARS LIVING  
 IN YORK REGION AND BRADFORD.

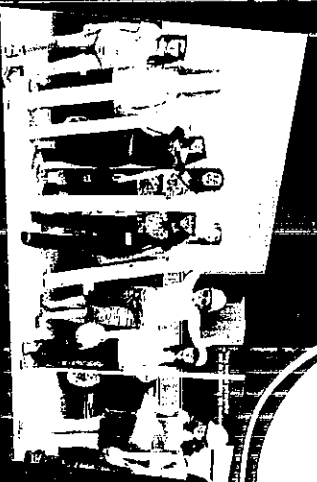


**ETHNICITY**

- WHITE / EUROPEAN
- BLACK
- ABORIGINAL
- MULTIRACIAL

**FAMILY CONFIGURATION**

- BOTH PARENTS
- ONE PARENT
- NEITHER PARENT
- JOINT CUSTODY



**FAMILY INCOME**

- LESS THAN \$10,000
- \$10,000 - \$15,000
- \$15,000 - \$20,000
- \$20,000 - \$25,000
- MORE THAN \$25,000

