

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING – FEBRUARY 28, 2012**

### **PROCLAMATION REQUEST NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 15 – 21, 2012 be proclaimed as “National Volunteer 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 General Manager, Volunteer Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto, dated February 6, 2012.

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

The correspondence received from the General Manager, Volunteer Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto 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”

YMCA of Greater Toronto is a registered charity seeking Council’s support by proclaiming “National Volunteer Week”, in an effort to raise awareness of the crucial role played by Volunteers, in ways such as feeding the homeless, comforting the sick, fundraising and many more acts of selfless kindness. The collective result of their work makes our community a more desirable place to live. Council has previously granted this proclamation.

**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 April 15 – 21, 2012 be proclaimed "National Volunteer Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

**Attachment**

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from the General Manager, Volunteer Development, YMCA of Greater Toronto dated February 6, 2012

**Report prepared by:**

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to the City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk



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February 6, 2012

Hi Connie,

RE: National Volunteer Week

Further to our discussion today, my name is Faiza Kanji and I am the General Manager, Volunteer Development for the YMCA of Greater Toronto. Every year 7000 volunteers choose to give us the gift of almost 300,000 hours of their time so that we can deliver life changing programs that are helping us building healthy communities for children, teens and young adults.

National Volunteer Week takes place from April 15-21 this year. If Mayor Bevilacqua's Office issues a Declaration or Proclamation for National Volunteer Week, we would love to obtain a copy that we can share with constituents in your municipality that volunteer with the YMCA of Greater Toronto.

Attached is a Mayoral Proclamation that Volunteer Canada has prepared.

All the best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Faiza Kanji'.

Faiza Kanji  
General Manager, Volunteer Development

Building healthy  
communities

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# National Volunteer Week

## April 15-21, 2012

### MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

Whereas, 12.5 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing 2.1 billion volunteer hours per year; and

Whereas, volunteers in <insert your city or town's name> mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

Whereas, < insert your city or town's name >'s volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and

Whereas, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that < insert your city or town's name > is a more desirable place to live; and

Whereas, <insert information about the different roles played by volunteers in your community>; and

Whereas, organizations in < insert your city or town's name > that rely on volunteers include such fundamental organizations as <insert the names of the festivals, hospitals, community centres or any other volunteer involving organizations that are most relevant to your community>; and

Whereas, volunteers play a critical role in <insert examples of how volunteers affect the decision making process in your local government, your local hospital, your local business associations, etc.>;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, <mayor's name>, Mayor of < insert your city or town's name >, do hereby proclaim April 15-21, 2012, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

