

COUNCIL MEETING - MAY 4, 2010

PROCLAMATION REQUEST CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2 – 9, 2010 be proclaimed as “Children’s Mental Health 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 Chairperson, The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Chairperson, The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, dated April 6, 2010 is attached. (Attachment)

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 York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, comprised of 3 children’s mental health agencies in York Region (Blue Hills Child & Family Centre, Kinark Child & Family Services and The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families) has requested that the City publicize this proclamation. The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families have scheduled a variety of activities to increase public awareness of children’s mental health issues, encourage parents to seek help, promote and maintain good mental health, and provide contact information for children’s health services in York Region. Council in previous years have granted this proclamation request.

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 will bring awareness of children's mental health issues within the Region.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 2 - 9, 2010 be proclaimed as "Children's Mental Health Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

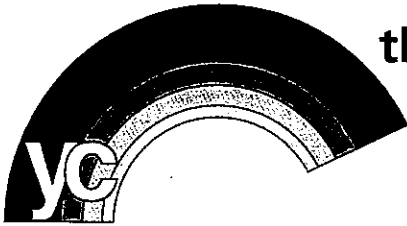
Attachment 1 – Correspondence from the Chairperson, The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, dated April 6, 2010

Report prepared by:

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,

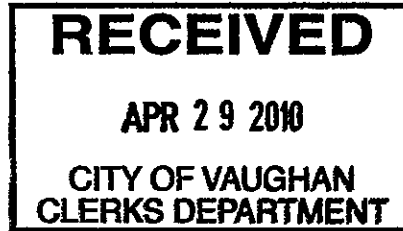
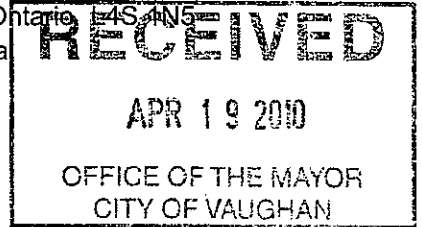
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City Clerk



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April 6, 2010

Mayor Linda Jackson
City of Vaughan
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Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Jackson,

On behalf of the 3 children's mental health agencies which provide services in York Region (Blue Hills Child & Family Centre, Kinark Child & Family Services and The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families), I am writing to request that you proclaim May 2-9, 2010 as "Children's Mental Health Week" in the City of Vaughan.

One in 5 children experiences mental health problems. Treatment is effective, however, frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and they may become more serious. Through a variety of activities which are scheduled for Children's Mental Health Week, we are striving to achieve the following four goals:

- Promoting/maintaining good mental health.
- Increasing public awareness of children's mental health issues and dispelling the associated stigma.
- Encouraging parents to seek help.
- Providing contact information for children's mental health services in York Region.

We ask that you support us in our quest for optimal mental health for all children by making a proclamation and including the following contact information:

- Blue Hills Child & Family Centre: 1-866-536-7608
- Kinark Child & Family Services: info@kinark.on.ca
- The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families: 905-887-5896

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities"

If you require additional information, please contact me at 905-851-1672.

Yours truly,

Noreen Lee, Chairperson
The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families



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