

August 20th, 2010

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

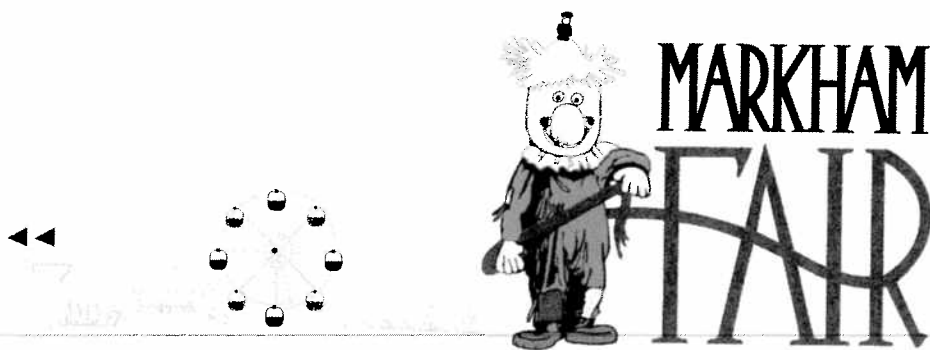
"L'Association des francophones de la région de York" (L'AFRY) is proud to celebrate in a special way the anniversary of the arrival of Étienne Brûlé and the presence of francophones in York Region. We would appreciate if the Franco-Ontarian flag could be raised at City Hall for Franco-Ontarian Day, ~~Friday~~ *Saturday* September 25th. This historical celebration of the flag is a very important event for all Franco-Ontarians in the province and your municipality. We are very proud that our flag has been officially recognized by Queen's Park on June 21st, 2001.

2010 marks the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first French Settler in Ontario; this presence bears a special meaning for Markham. Étienne Brûlé was Samuel de Champlain's interpreter who gained the trust of the First Nations along the Outaouais, Don, Holland and Humber rivers; those rivers were the only roads to the Great Lakes. The Francophone community has been part of York Region for a very long time and Franco-Ontarians are proud to have contributed to the development of several communities and services within York Region and the province of Ontario.

This being said, to make this anniversary of the French presence in York Region more memorable for our community and all citizens of this town, L'AFRY requests your cooperation in helping celebrate this special day by raising our flag on September 25th, and in years to come. It would be our pleasure to deliver a flag in person on simple request. Please feel free to contact me by phone at 905 727-4631 ext. 550, or by email at afrycomite@yahoo.ca.

Yours truly,

Dominique Janssens, Coordinator



September 30, October 1, 2 & 3, 2010



May 25, 2010

Mayor Frank Scarpitti,
The Corporation of the Town of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd.,
MARKHAM, On. L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

SUBJECT: PROCLAMATION – “MARKHAM FAIR WEEK”

In past years Markham Town Council has been kind enough to proclaim the week leading up to the Fair “**MARKHAM FAIR WEEK**”. For 166 consecutive years Markham Fair has proudly created a forum to showcase our community and your support is greatly appreciated and essential to the success of this annual event.

The MARKHAM FAIR this year will run from *September 30th to October 3rd* inclusive and we would respectfully request that Markham Town Council proclaim the week of *September 27th* “**MARKHAM FAIR WEEK**”.

Thank you for your consideration of this request, and we look forward to a favourable reply.

Yours truly,

Michelle Irwin
General Manager

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United Way of York Region

June 23, 2010

His Worship Frank Scarpitti
Mayor
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

As Chair of the 2010 Community Campaign, I am asking for your leadership and Council's support again this year in declaring October 4th through to October 8th, 2010, United Way Week in Town of Markham.

United Way Week is a catalyst to engage local communities and neighbours in the small and powerful supports that help build a better life for everyone - especially critical and impactful in these challenging and uncertain times.

And thanks to declarations from all nine municipalities and The Regional Municipality of York, last year's second annual United Way Week was another remarkable success: the release of what the media dubbed "a landmark report," ...*addressing OUR STRENGTHS*; the first Union Leaders Breakfast; presentations to local municipalities and town hall meetings across the region.

We look forward to sharing plans of this year's United Way Week over the upcoming months, following Council proclamation. Should you have any immediate questions, please feel free to contact Daniele Zanotti, UWYR CEO at (905) 474-9974 ext. 224 or dzanotti@uwyr.on.ca.

On behalf of the 1 in 3 residents we serve, thank you in advance for joining us again this year and declaring October 4th – 8th, 2010, United Way Week in the Town of Markham.

Without you, there would be no way.

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Ian Proudfoot
Vice President and Regional Publisher, York Region Media Group
Chair, 2010 Community Campaign, United Way of York Region

cc: Mr. John Livey, CAO, Town of Markham
Mr. Daniele Zanotti, CEO, United Way of York Region



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July 9, 2010

To Mayors and Councils,

We are writing to ask that you and your Council endorse a day of recognition for the many people who work providing care to children in your community. This year will mark the 10th Anniversary of our Awareness Day which recognizes the education, skills, commitment and dedication of Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Staff.

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and our other labour partners representing child care workers across Ontario are asking that Wednesday October 27, 2010 be proclaimed as ***Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day*** in accordance with the attached resolution.

Many groups are recognized by way of Municipal Resolution. Such a day allows the community to recognize the work of various groups and to acknowledge the contributions they make in the lives of community members.

Many children, families and communities benefit from the work of child care workers. Child care also contributes to the economic life of communities. Research shows the many economic benefits accrued from affordable, accessible high quality child care. These benefits come from the number of people employed in the child care industry and because the availability of child care allows parents to work and to contribute to the economic life of society.

Even if your Council does not issue official proclamations, there are many ways for your municipality to participate in and celebrate this special day. We ask your Council to sponsor public announcements, display our posters and distribute buttons. Many municipalities also organize events and contests for the day or have Councillors or the Mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres within the municipality. A list of ideas and examples is attached.

We hope that your proclamation of this day of appreciation, or your active support, will encourage and promote a day of community recognition for child care workers. Please fax the attached order to request posters and buttons to help you raise awareness and celebrate.

Please advise us of your participation in this day of recognition so that we can acknowledge your community's role in celebrating child care workers across Ontario on October 27th. Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Kathy Johnson, by mail: CUPE, 305 Milner Avenue, Suite 800, Scarborough, ON M1B 3V4, or by fax: 416-292-2839.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Fred Hahn
President, CUPE Ontario

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Saarikoski".

Tracy Saarikoski
President, OCBCC

cc: CMSMs/DSSABs

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10th Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

October 27, 2010

Resolution

Whereas years of research confirm the benefits of high quality child care for young children's intellectual, emotional, social and physical development and later life outcomes; and

Whereas child care promotes the well-being of children and responds to the needs of parents, child care workers and the broader community by supporting quality of life so that citizens can fully participate in and contribute to the economic and social life of their community; and

Whereas many studies show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and Child Care Staff are the most important element in quality child care, and that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover which leads to high quality education and care;

Therefore Be It Resolved that October 27, 2010 be designated the 10th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the education, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.