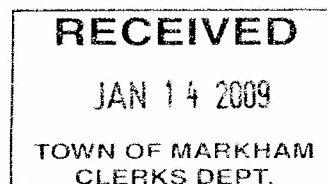


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January 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Markham Civic Centre  
101 Town Centre Boulevard  
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti,

I am writing to request that you proclaim May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as Science Rendezvous Day in Markham. In our inaugural year in 2008, over 13,000 people celebrated this event through multiple science and discovery related events, demonstrations and hands-on experiences across the GTA.

Science Rendezvous is a free one-day initiative focused on the promotion of the importance of Science to society and to serve as a transformative influence with respect to generating a culture of discovery and innovation. Science Rendezvous is comprised of three elements; INVENTours, Science in the Malls and Café Scientifique.

Science Rendezvous is organized by the research institutions and science focused non-profit groups in the GTA who come together to promote science and technology.

To enhance public awareness, we ask you to declare May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009 as Science Rendezvous Day. Your proclamation would serve as an effective endorsement, greatly increasing the number of general public we can reach. A Sample proclamation is enclosed. I can be contacted through Harim Kim, Project Manager for Science Rendezvous at (416) 978-1457 or via e-mail at [hkim@optics.utoronto.ca](mailto:hkim@optics.utoronto.ca).

Thank you for your attention in this matter, Mayor Scarpitti. We would be honored to have your support.

Sincerely,

R. J. Dwayne Miller  
Professor of Chemistry and Physics  
Canada Research Chair in Femtoscience  
University Professor  
Director of the Institute for Optical Sciences



**Mayor  
Frank Scarpitti**

# *Proclamation*

## **Science Rendezvous Day**

**May 9, 2009**

WHEREAS Science and technology are the keys to future innovator and the Greater Toronto Area is host to some of the most cutting edge science, and technology research in the world.

Science Rendezvous promotes awareness of science as it relates to society and to the general public.

Science Rendezvous gives everyone, our children in particular, hands-on exposure to science that they may not get elsewhere. It is an important opportunity for our young people and their parents to talk directly with the scientists themselves and to learn first hand that Markham is home to world class research.

Science Rendezvous aims to engage participants so that they will become involved in Science, technology and engineering, and will form the next generation of innovators developing new ideas and solutions to develop and grow our economy, to improve our health or to clean and preserve our environment.

Science Rendezvous helps instill an interest in science like no other experience and helps direct our youth along a path that will enable them to succeed and thrive in the future job markets and economies.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, on behalf of Markham Town Council, do hereby proclaim **May 9, 2009** as “**Science Rendezvous Day**” and encourage everyone to participate and celebrate Science Rendezvous events across GTA.

Mayor Frank Scarpitti