

# Proclamation

## Local Government Week

October 19 - 25<sup>th</sup>  
{Date ----}

*Whereas*, The week of {date s}, will be celebrated in Ontario as Local Government Week, beginning with the year 2008, and

*Whereas*, the municipal order of government performs functions that significantly impact the day-to-day life of citizens throughout the world, and

*Whereas*, the Association of Municipal Managers, Clerks and Treasurers of Ontario (AMCTO), the Ontario Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), acknowledge and celebrate the significant role that municipal governments play in helping to define the character, priorities, physical make up, and quality of life of communities across Ontario;

Now, *Therefore*, I, \_\_\_\_\_, Head of Council of

\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby proclaim the week of { insert dates }, as

Local Government Week in the municipality of

\_\_\_\_\_ and do commend its thoughtful observance to all citizens of our municipality.

Dated this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008

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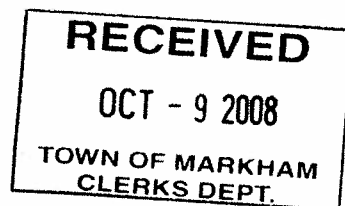
Head of Council



## MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

October 6, 2008

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham  
Town Clerk  
The Corporation of the Town of Markham  
101 Town Centre Blvd.  
Markham, ON L3R 9W3



Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

Attention: Mayor Frank Scarpitti and Members of Council

Subject: Proclamation of Ontario Public Library Week, October 19 - 25, 2008

The Library Board would like to request Council proclaim the week of October 19 - 25, 2008 as Ontario Public Library Week in Markham. This year's theme "*Libraries: Discover Yours*", invites the community to explore their public library and make sure they are making the most of the fabulous resources available.

Each year, during the third week of October, public libraries across the province celebrate Ontario Public Library Week. A strong library system is the cornerstone of a strong community. Ontario Public Library Week recognizes the important contribution Ontario's public libraries make to education, literacy and life-long learning in Ontario communities. Library staff have organized a variety of programs to celebrate Ontario Public Library Week including programs and contests for adults and children.

In 2007 more than 1.8 million visits were made to the branches of Markham Public Library with another 937,000 visits to MPL's website. New Canadians came to our libraries to learn about their new country and to stay connected with their home country. Young families came to storytime and Early Years programs for entertainment and to meet other young families. In the process children developed the early literacy skills that are critical to their later success. Teens met at the library to socialize, used the internet and studied. While visiting the library they found the latest bestsellers and movies. They discovered that MPL offers resources in many formats and languages. They found books, large print materials and audiobooks in print and electronic formats. They found DVDs, music CDs, CD-ROM software, videogames, heritage documents and quality online databases. They discovered that Markham Public Library is a dynamic centre of formal and informal learning. They discovered that Markham Public Library is the place where Markham's communities come together to imagine, learn and grow.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for your continued support of the Markham Public Library.

Sincerely,

Catherine Biss  
Chief Executive Officer/Secretary-Treasurer  
Town of Markham Public Library Board



## **MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**WHEREAS** libraries are partners in fostering lifelong learning, playing a vital role in helping our community access the information and tools that they need to live, learn and work;

**WHEREAS** libraries help the community develop the skills required to find and evaluate information in order to adapt and succeed in a knowledge-based economy;

**WHEREAS** libraries bolster economic prosperity by providing access to essential decision-making information for organizations and businesses;

**WHEREAS** libraries enhance the quality of life for all Canadians, and help ensure that our culture continues to flourish and thrive;

**Therefore I,**

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**FRANK SCARPITTI**  
**Mayor of Markham**

**Proclaim**

October 19 - 25, 2008

to be

**Ontario Public Library Week**

under the theme

*Ontario Public Libraries: Discover Yours*

And I encourage every person to use the Library this week  
and throughout the year.



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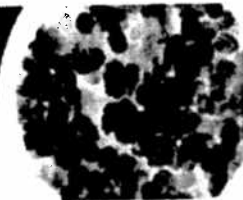
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TOWN OF MARKHAM  
CLERKS DEPT.

RESTORATIVE  
JUSTICE WEEK 2008

Fostering a restorative

**worldview**



It gives me great pleasure to call upon all mayors, reeves, councillors and community Leaders from across Canada to proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2008. The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) has been an active partner in the restorative justice community for more than a decade and has been proud to provide leadership to the annual celebration since 1996.

Restorative Justice Week 2008 will be held within Canada, and throughout the world, from November 16<sup>th</sup> to November 23<sup>rd</sup>. The theme is “**Fostering a Restorative Worldview**”, which focuses on sharing the concrete learning and results that have come from the growing experience of practitioners and stakeholders in the application of restorative justice concepts and techniques. In 2007, there were 167 towns and cities across Canada, representing almost 40% of the Canadian population, who proclaimed Restorative Justice Week.

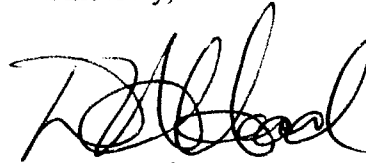
Things you could do as leaders in your community include the following:

- Declare / proclaim Restorative Justice Week 2008. **Please visit <http://www.csc-scc.gc.ca/text/rj/rj2008/proc-eng.shtml> for a printable proclamation form;**
- Host a town hall meeting to promote an awareness of how restorative justice is expressed in your communities;
- Promote an open, respectful dialogue in an effort to help members of your community deal with issues such as community safety and relationship deterioration caused by conflict, in order to nurture the healing process;
- Invite a guest speaker(s) from your community involved in restorative justice to share their perspectives or feel free to contact CSC's Chaplaincy, Restorative Justice, and Victim Services Branch for speakers to come to your event at: **[RestorativeJustice@csc-scc.gc.ca](mailto:RestorativeJustice@csc-scc.gc.ca)**

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Municipal participation in previous year's efforts has been a great success and we are hoping to build on that this year with your support. Please let us know if your city, town or village is planning an event or proclaiming Restorative Justice Week 2008 as we would like to recognise your participation in our national report. It would be appreciated if you could fax a copy of the proclamation or minutes of meeting with contact information to the attention of Carol-Anne Grenier at (613) 943-2171.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Don Head', with a stylized, cursive script.

Don Head

**Hau, Lucy**

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**Subject:** FW: German Pioneers Day

From: Lorne R. Smith [mailto:lorne.smith@sympatico.ca]  
Sent: September 24, 2008 9:50 PM  
To: Nanninga, Barbara  
Subject: German Pioneers Day

Just a note that Tuesday, October 14 is the provincial mandated German Pioneers Day. It is an opportunity to recognize the contribution of the German pioneers in Ontario. As you are aware the first settlers to Markham including the Markham Berczy Settlers and the Pennsylvania Germans played a very important role in creating the original societal and economic standards for our present day community. While it is Election Day, hopefully some recognition of this Day can be provided by the Town of Markham. The following is the original act passed in 2000

An Act to proclaim  
German Pioneers Day

Assented to June 23, 2000

Preamble

German immigrants began arriving in large numbers in Upper Canada, which is present day Ontario, during the eighteenth century along with other United Empire Loyalists after the American Revolution. They continued to settle in Ontario during the era of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert in the nineteenth century.

They settled in various areas of Ontario and especially in and around the City of Kitchener, whose annual Oktoberfest festival provides a time for all citizens of Ontario to reflect on and celebrate our province's living German heritage.

As one of the founding groups of Ontario, German pioneers helped settle the province and made their rich cultural traditions and values an integral part of Canadian society. Ontario citizens of German descent continue to make a significant contribution to Ontario and Canada.

It is appropriate to establish a day on which to pay tribute to our historic German legacy in Ontario.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

German Pioneers Day

1. The day following Thanksgiving Day in each year is proclaimed as German Pioneers Day.

Commencement

2. This Act comes into force on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Short title

3. The short title of this Act is the German Pioneers Day Act, 2000.

Lorne



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August 25, 2008

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. Last year a record number of municipalities proclaimed and celebrated this day of appreciation, and it was a great success.

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 22<sup>nd</sup> 2008 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. This benefit comes 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. In this case, we ask your Council sponsor public announcements, display our posters and distribute pins. 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 pins 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 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Kathy Johnson, by mail: CUPE, 305 Milner Ave., Suite 800, Scarborough, ON M1B 3V4, or by fax: 416-292-2839.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sid Ryan".

Sid Ryan,  
President, CUPE Ontario

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl DeGras".

Cheryl DeGras  
Co-President, OCBCC

cc: CMSMs/DSSABs

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**8th Annual Child Care Worker  
& Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day  
October 22, 2008**

***What Your Community Can Do***

The **Week of the Child** will be celebrated in communities across Canada from October 11 - 19, 2008. As a complement to this exciting week of events, we will be setting aside October 22, 2008 to celebrate ***Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day***.

Trained and knowledgeable child care staff is the most important element in quality child care. Studies show that child care providers play a key role in shaping children's social, physical, emotional and cognitive development.

This is a great opportunity for local Governments to recognize and show their appreciation by taking the lead in organizing Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

**To help you make the Day visible in your community here are some ways you can participate and examples from local Government sponsored events in previous years:**

- ★ Support the resolution declaring October 22 Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.
- ★ Visit a child care centre and meet all the important people working hard to provide quality child care and early learning environments, and let them know how important they are in making child care work!
- ★ Distribute buttons and posters – call or e-mail us for your **FREE** materials or fax using the enclosed order form.

***Examples of past local government celebrations:***

- ★ Bought carnations for staff working in child care centres.
- ★ Hosted an appreciation dinner including a motivational guest speaker and also sponsored a full day workshop – all at no cost to front line staff.
- ★ Distributed buttons and posters to all child care centres and treated child care workers and ECE staff to a healthy breakfast. Also displayed posters and promoted Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day at centres during the Week of the Child.
- ★ Had each centre nominate one educator/child care worker to be added to a list of names that were read by the Mayor, along with the resolution.
- ★ Recognized each early childhood educator and child care worker with a long stemmed rose and a chocolate thank you bar. CMSM donated some funding and each individual program chipped in as well.

This is just a short list of activities - there are many things you can do to recognize and celebrate the valuable role child care workers play in the lives of children, families and communities. Please contact Sue Parker at the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (416-538-0628 x2/toll-free 1-800-594-7514 x2, or email at [sue@childcareontario.org](mailto:sue@childcareontario.org)) for further information, posters, buttons and certificates of appreciation.



# **8<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day**

**October 22, 2008**

## **Resolution**

**Whereas** thirty five years of research confirms 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** recent studies clearly show trained and knowledgeable Early Childhood Educators and child care workers are the most important element in quality child care, and further that good wages and working conditions are associated with higher job satisfaction and morale, lower staff turnover all of which predict higher quality care

**Therefore Be It Resolved** that October 22, 2008 be designated the 8th annual "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day" in recognition of the influence, dedication and commitment of child care workers to children, their families and quality of life of the community.



**Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day  
October 22, 2008**

**QUANTITIES ARE LIMITED**

**Materials Request Form**

*Please send the following items:*

#Buttons \_\_\_\_\_ #Posters \_\_\_\_\_

A template Certificate of Appreciation will be automatically sent with each request.

**To:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

Organization (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Prov. \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE FAX THIS FORM TO THE OCBCC AT FAX# 416-538-6737**

**OR MAIL TO:**

**OCBCC**

**489 College St., Suite 206**

**Toronto, ON M6G 1A5**

Requests will also be accepted by email at: [sue@childcareontario.org](mailto:sue@childcareontario.org)

***PLEASE SEND THIS REQUEST BY OCTOBER 13***