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Mayor Donald Cousins
Towns of Markham, Thornhill, and Unionville
101 Town Centre Blvd.,
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Donald Cousins:

Thank-you for proclaiming March as Kidney month during March 2005 and having the proclamation published on the community page of the Economist and Sun.

The month of March is Kidney Month across Canada. During this time the Kidney Foundation holds a door to door campaign, March Drive, with the assistance of community volunteers who generously donate their time. The funds raised are used to support programs and services for kidney patients and their caregivers, the promotion of organ donation and advocating for the provision of quality health care for those affected by kidney disease.

In addition to raising funds, the Kidney Foundation of Canada also focuses on educating the public about the prevention and symptoms associated with kidney disease.

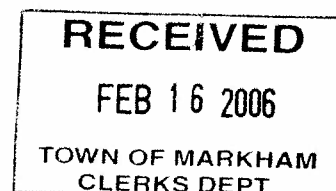
Once again we are asking you to proclaim March 2006 as Kidney Month, and to have the proclamation printed on the community page of the Economist and Sun. It would also be appreciated if the Kidney Foundation flag could be flown at the Town Centre during March 2006.

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact the undersigned.

Your ongoing support of the Kidney Foundation is appreciated.

Sincerely

Margaret Reaume Area Coordinator – York South





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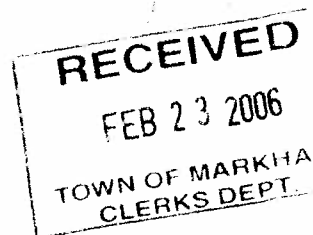


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February 20, 2006

His Worship Don Cousens
Mayor of the Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham ON L3R 9W3



Your Worship:

March has been declared **Youth Science Month** in Canada. Across the country over 500,000 elementary and high-school students are preparing to take part in science and technology fairs that will take place throughout the month.

As part of that celebration, **Sci-Tech Ontario** is proclaiming March as **Youth Science Month** in Ontario for the sixth year in a row to recognize the estimated 170,000 Ontario students who will participate in local and regional science fairs across the province in March and early April (please see enclosed proclamation). A proportionate number of these 170,000 students attend the elementary and secondary schools in your municipality.

Sci-Tech Ontario invites you to join the many dignitaries who plan to support **Youth Science Month** in their jurisdictions. We have also asked Ontario's Minister of Education, the Honourable Gerrard Kennedy, to proclaim **Youth Science Month** in the Ontario Legislature. This is a wonderful opportunity to show your support for the innovative young people in your municipality, many of whom will go on to important careers in research, science and technology, helping to create jobs, cure diseases, make discoveries and improve our quality of life.

There are many ways to become involved. You may want to attend the local or regional science fairs in your district, recognize the dedicated volunteers and innovative students involved in your region's science fairs with a public ceremony or send an official letter of congratulations to the top students in your region's fairs, wishing them luck as they proceed to the national fair. You can also use the enclosed proclamation to serve as a model for your own declaration. Should you decide to issue a declaration, we would appreciate receiving a copy.

Sci-Tech Ontario is a non-profit organization whose primary focus is to foster and enrich the participation of Ontario youth in project-based science and research activities. Two of our core programs are regional science fair support (for 30 regional fairs across the province) and the provision of curriculum resources on project-based science for Ontario teachers. A backgrounder on **Sci-Tech Ontario** and **Youth Science Month** is also enclosed for your information.

Please feel free to contact us at: 416-598-8827 or by e-mail at: info@SciTechOntario.org. A list showing the Sci-Tech Ontario Representative in your area and the dates of the 30 regional fairs can be found on our website at: www.SciTechOntario.org.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. David M. Wardlaw
Chair, Sci-Tech Ontario

PROCLAMATION

YOUTH SCIENCE MONTH ONTARIO

Whereas March has been proclaimed **Youth Science Month** by Youth Science Foundation Canada, in celebration of the 500,000 students across our nation participating in local and regional science and technology fairs this month;

Whereas 170,000 of those students are here in Ontario, taking part in hundreds of local fairs and 30 regional fairs across Ontario;

Whereas, the very best of these participants will champion Ontario at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, to be held in May in Saguenay, Quebec;

Whereas, all of these students have worked diligently to produce projects that demonstrate Innovation, Initiative and Imagination;

Whereas, it is in the best interests of young people to acquire knowledge and skills in science and technology in order to better understand the world and to further their educations and future career prospects; and

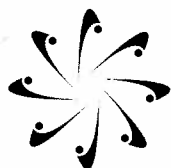
Whereas, it is in the best interests of our society and our economy to support the creation of a culture of innovation and the nurturing of a generation of scientifically literate young people who will push forward the boundaries of our knowledge and improve the quality of our lives in the future.

Therefore be it resolved that Sci-Tech Ontario joins Youth Science Foundation Canada in proclaiming March, 2006 as Youth Science Month in Ontario.

So proclaimed March, 2006 by:

Dr. David M. Wardlaw
Chair, *Sci-Tech Ontario*





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BACKGROUNDER

Sci-Tech Ontario

Sci-Tech Ontario (STO) is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization with a mandate to promote and celebrate participation and excellence in science, technology and innovation by Ontario youth.

We provide funding, information, co-ordination and advice to the regional science and technology fair organizations throughout Ontario. We also support the teaching and learning of science in Ontario elementary and secondary schools by conducting teacher workshops and by creating and distributing curriculum resource material for teachers on the integration of project-based science into the province's new curriculum.

STO also assembles, promotes and supports *Team Sci-Tech Ontario* (the young scientists who champion our province at the Canada-Wide Science Fair (CWSF), administers the Pfizer Canada Award of Excellence which recognizes an outstanding project in each region, administers five other province-wide sponsored awards and works with Youth Science Foundation (YSF) to promote *Youth Science Month* in March each year.

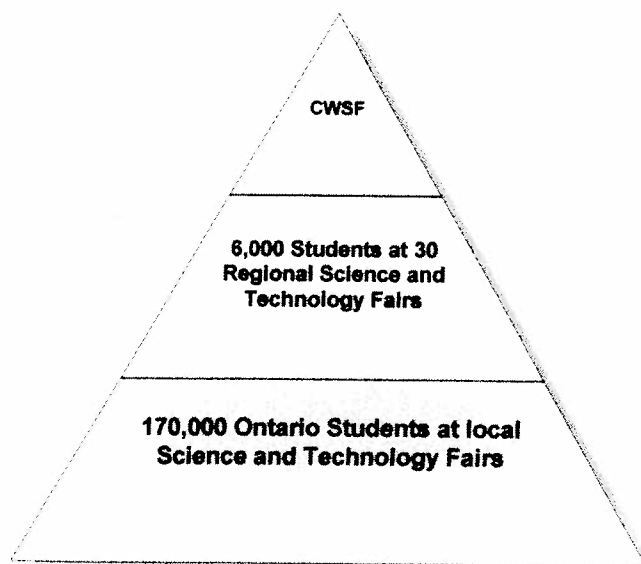
Sci-Tech Ontario's volunteer Board of Directors consists of educators, parents, scientists and other interested Ontarians who care about giving children the best opportunities for the future.

Regional Science and Technology Fairs in Ontario

Every year, more than 250,000 students in Ontario participate in Project-Based Science with close to 170,000 competing in local science and technology fairs. The best projects move on to Ontario's 30 Regional Fairs where 6,000 of Ontario's top young scientists compete. The top students from these Regional Fairs then represent Ontario at the Canada-Wide Science Fair, where they compete against students and their projects from across the country.

Regional fairs are organized by non-profit groups and staffed by dedicated volunteers who raise funds, judge projects, run the events and support and coach the students. These groups, and the young scientists who take part in the fairs, are the beneficiaries of Sci-Tech Ontario's support.

Youth Science Month is an annual event to celebrate the 170,000 young scientists in Ontario taking part in local and regional fairs during the month of March. This event is just one part of a national awareness campaign by Youth Science Foundation Canada in recognition of the 500,000 students taking part in fairs across Canada.



February 14, 2006

Donald Cousens
Mayor
Town of Markham
Anthony Roman Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

Dear Mr. Mayor,

On behalf of the 100,000 Canadians living with Parkinson's disease, **I am requesting your help in raising awareness about this debilitating disease by declaring the month of April as "Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month" in the Town of Markham.**

Throughout the month of April, Parkinson Society Canada will be selling tulips and providing education opportunities in communities across Ontario, encouraging people to become involved and help ease the burden and find a cure for Parkinson's disease.

As Mayor of your community, I invite you to join the effort to educate your community about this life-altering disease.

Parkinson's disease is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative illness that slowly but dramatically robs people of their independence over time. For most affected, their minds remain sharp while they endure an ever-changing combination of tremors, slowness, stiffness, balance problems, speech problems, rigid muscles, and pain. Many have difficulty walking, talking, and/or swallowing. Parkinson's Society Canada is a national organization that helps to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy and support services to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson's disease.

Thank you for considering our request to proclaim "April as Parkinson's Disease Awareness Month". Enclosed you'll find a copy of Parkinson Society Canada's Proclamation. I will contact you shortly to discuss photo opportunities; however, should you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 1-800-565-3000 ext.3376 or by e-mailing me at karen.dowell@parkinson.ca.

Yours truly,

Karen Dowell
Community Resources Coordinator
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MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

“April is Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month”

- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada is celebrating over 40 years as the national organization that helps to ease the burden and find a cure through research, education, advocacy and support services to improve the quality of life for those affected by Parkinson’s disease.
- WHEREAS:** Nearly 100,000 Canadians, and 6.3 million people world-wide, have Parkinson’s disease today.
- WHEREAS:** There is no way to predict or prevent Parkinson’s disease. It strikes randomly – affecting all genders, races, socio-economic groups and lifestyles. Parkinson’s disease is a chronic and progressive neurodegenerative illness that slowly but dramatically robs people of their independence over time. For most affected, their minds remain sharp while they endure an ever-changing combination of tremors, slowness, stiffness, balance problems, speech problems, rigid muscles, and pain. Many have difficulty walking, talking, and/or swallowing.
- WHEREAS:** Canadians with Parkinson’s disease and their caregivers rely on Parkinson Society Canada to provide them with information, resources and support groups to help better manage the physical and psychological effects of this debilitating disease.
- WHEREAS:** Through our partnerships with our twelve regional partners, health care professionals, research associations, and volunteers, Parkinson Society Canada touches every community across the country.
- WHEREAS:** Parkinson Society Canada has funded almost \$11 million dollars in research grants in its quest to find better treatment, and ultimately a cure for Parkinson’s disease.
- NOW THEREFORE:** I, **Donald Cousens**, Mayor of the **Town of Markham**, do hereby proclaim **April 2006** as “**Parkinson’s Disease Awareness Month**” and encourage everyone to support Parkinson Society Canada during its Spring Campaign.