



May 18th, 2016

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
City 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 the Administrative Centre and a proclamation be issued for Franco-Ontarian Day, on September 23^d. This historical celebration of the flag is a very important event for all Franco-Ontarians in the province and your city. We are very proud that our flag has been officially recognized by Queen's Park on June 21st, 2001.

Today, after four centuries of evolution, Ontario's francophone community includes 582,690 people, or 4.8% of the total population of the province (according to Statistics Canada 2006 census). It is the second largest Francophone community in Canada, after Quebec.

For the record, the Government of Ontario released a statement on April 26, 2010 that "The Franco-Ontarian Day Act adopted unanimously by the Legislative Assembly proclaims September 25 of each year as Franco-Ontarian Day. This Day will, every year, officially recognize the contribution of Ontario's Francophone community to the cultural, historical, social, economic and political life of the province."

Several of the region's town and cities did agree to raise our flag last year and we are hopeful that the City of Markham will also commit to raising our flag and issuing a proclamation again this year. It would be our pleasure to deliver a flag on simple request. Please feel free to contact Marie Martel by phone at 905-727-4631 ext. 76550, or by email at mariemartel@afry.ca.

Yours truly,

Alain Beaudoin, President of the Board of Directors



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Bereaved Families – York Region

An Association of Families Who Have Lost a Loved One Through
Death

July 20th, 2016

Mayor Scarpitti
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

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Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, families, volunteers and staff at Bereaved Families – York Region we are proud to announce that this year marks the 25th anniversary of BFOYR providing programs and services throughout York Region.

Mission Statement: Bereaved Families of York Region (BFOYR) provides bereavement support services by trained volunteers and staff to individuals and families grieving the death of a loved one.

Vision: BFOYR provides a lifeline to individuals and families grieving a death by providing compassionate support in order to cope with their journey through grief. We all experience the death of a loved one and BFOYR is committed to increase awareness in our community through education in the death, grief and bereavement.

Since 1991, we have been providing bereavement programs and services throughout the Town of Markham, striving to ensure that individuals grieving the death of a loved one have access to caring and compassionate support. We do not receive funding from federal, provincial and/or local government to deliver our critical programs. We do not charge a fee for our services, thusly ensuring everyone has access to bereavement support.

~~We are asking for your support through a formally written letter of acknowledgement of BFOYR, the organization serving your community and a declaration of our 25th Anniversary at your September Council Meeting.~~

“Opening Doors for 25 years, so that the hope and healing may begin”

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Beatson
Executive Director
Bereaved Families – York Region

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PROCLAMATION

Big Brothers Big Sisters Month

September 2016

WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is an important community organization committed to helping children and youth reach their full potential by matching them with caring, volunteer mentors;

AND WHEREAS, evidence-based research has shown that for every dollar invested in Big Brothers Big Sisters mentoring, society gets a return of \$18 dollars. In addition, youth who have a Big Brother or a Big Sisters are less likely to bully or be bullied, feel better about school, and are more likely to have a healthy and positive outlook on life well into adulthood;

AND WHEREAS, we believe that by changing the course of young lives we can in turn be changing the course of a community's future. That it could lead to a reduction in poverty and unemployment; to safer schools and neighbourhoods; or to a renewed optimism for growth.

AND WHEREAS, Big Brothers Big Sisters of *[insert agency name]* relies heavily on the strength and dedication of its volunteers who, through their commitment and support, make a profound difference in the lives of children and youth in our community;

AND WHEREAS, the agency's goal is to expand its recruitment drive in order to serve more children and youth in our community;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of Markham, **DO HEREBY PROCLAIM** September, 2016 as **Big Brother Big Sister Month**. I encourage everyone to "Start Something" by logging onto www.bbbsy.ca to learn more about the volunteer programs offered by Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.

From: "Jan Mc" <janicebarbar@gmail.com>

To: "Mayor Frank Scarpitti - Markham" <FScarpitti@markham.ca>, "Contact Centre Customer Service" <Contact@markham.ca>

Cc: "Carol Todd Admin Team" <lightuppurpleatls@gmail.com>

Subject: City of Markham - world mental health day Oct 10, 2016, Proclamation request.

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

World Mental Health Day is on October 10th, and was initiated in 1992 by the World Federation for Mental Health. The need for awareness related to bullying and mental health is a worldwide concern that continues to need much advocating and awareness messaging. Too many people of all ages continue to suffer from the effects of bullying and the distresses that have resulted.

On behalf of Carol Todd & the Amanda Todd Legacy Society, we are hoping we can count on the City of Markham's support for our 4th annual awareness event, Light Up Purple, for World Mental Health Day on October 10th. The World Federation for Mental Health has again provided their support for this campaign in 2016.

We respectfully ask that Mayor Frank Scarpitti issue a Proclamation in support of World Mental Health Day or add this as a discussion item for your upcoming Council meetings in September or October. (Please let me know if there is another procedure for our request.)

The Legacy is again calling on support from businesses, organizations, schools & landmarks around the world to Light Up Purple for World Mental Health Day. Having buildings, bridges or landmarks within your city light up in purple lights, speaking with staff about mental health, and participating in other purple ways (clothing, ribbons, balloons, etc.) will help bring much needed attention to the significance of purple and mental health & wellness. Please visit our website www.lightuppurple.com to find out more about this important initiative. We would love to include you on our list of Caring Supporters.

The Legacy was founded after Carol's daughter Amanda passed away on October 10, 2012. Amanda had a dream of helping kids, and as part of her legacy, that is what we are trying to do as well. We - as caring communities of parents, friends, families, and youth, businesses and work colleagues - believe we need to make a united stand. A stand upon which the entire world can see, embrace, light up purple and say no more to bullying, to help reduce the stigma and judgement of mental health, and to bring awareness that bullying can and does bring about mental illness distresses. The world must stand together and make a difference - to notice what needs to be changed and to encourage others to speak up, reach out, and no longer be a bystander.

Some of the places around the world already confirmed as participating in 2016: Vancouver City Hall, Las Vegas City Hall, Hamilton Police Service, Hamilton City Waterfalls, Hamilton Aboriginal Health Centre, Niagara Falls, Newry Town Hall (Ireland), CN Tower, BC Place, Pacific Science Center (Seattle), LAX Airport Pylons, bridges in Oklahoma, Boston and Ontario. We expect many more organizations to confirm their support and participation in the coming months. Each year, we hope to add more cities, structures, organizations and schools.

Thank you for your consideration and we hope to hear from you soon. We look forward to your participation in Light Up Purple for World Mental Health Day in 2016!

Sincerely,
Jan McNeill
Project Assistant, Light Up Purple 2016

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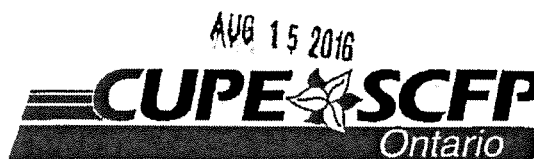
Twitter: @AToddLegacy, @c_todd, @lightuppurple

Facebook: Amanda Todd Legacy - Staying Strong; Light Up Purple on Oct 10 - World Mental Health Day
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COALITION ONTARIENNE POUR
de meilleurs services
éducatifs à l'enfance



ONTARIO COALITION FOR
Better Child Care



August 1, 2016

Re: 16th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 26, 2016

To Ontario mayors and councils,

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and other labour and community partners around Ontario have announced Wednesday, October 26, 2016 as the 16th annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, a day of recognition for the many people who work providing early learning and child care services in your community. **We are writing to ask that you and your Council consider proclaiming Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in your municipality. A sample proclamation is attached.**

This annual awareness day recognizes the education, skills, commitment and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and child care staff, and each year is proclaimed by municipalities and school boards across Ontario. Many groups are recognized by way of municipal resolution. Such a day allows us to acknowledge the important contributions of child care workers and ECEs.

Even if your council does not issue official proclamations, there are many ways for your municipality to participate in celebrating this special day:

- Your council could sponsor a public announcement;
- Display our posters and distribute our buttons;
- Many municipalities organize events and contests for the day or have councilors or the mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres within the municipality.
- A document of further ideas and examples is attached.

We would love to acknowledge those municipalities celebrating child care workers and ECEs across Ontario on October 26, 2016. Let us know how your municipality is participating in the recognition day and we will add your municipality to our list of proclamations and celebrations.

Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Carolyn Ferns, by mail: Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, 489 College St., Suite 206, Toronto, ON M6G 1A5, by fax at 416-538-6737, or by email at: carolyn@childcareontario.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila Olan-Maclean
President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

Fred Hahn
President, CUPE Ontario Division



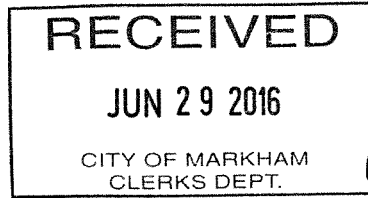
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June 17, 2016

His Worship Mayor Frank Scarpitti
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Your Worship,

We thank you and your community for taking part in our Ontario wide initiative to raise the awareness of the importance of English language learning opportunities for newcomers to Canada by declaring English as a Second Language (ESL) Week in the Fall of 2015 during the week in which our annual conference took place.

I am writing on behalf of TESL Ontario (Teachers of English as a Second Language) to invite you to again take part in our province-wide initiative to recognize Ontario's ESL community and declare the week of November 20 - 26, 2016 as "English as a Second Language Week". Given the ever growing diversity of the population of Ontario, we hope you will continue to support our efforts and grant us this request. In 2015, 46 municipalities declared ESL Week, helping the ESL community to celebrate and expand its development.

For 43 years, TESL Ontario has held its Annual Conference to provide professional development for the ESL educators, administrators, students and volunteers who make it possible for immigrants, refugees, citizens, and visitors to learn the English language. This year, our conference "*Recognizing Abilities & Possibilities*" will be held November 24 & 25, 2016 and we would be honoured if representatives of your Council could participate in our conference, which is held in Downtown Toronto. If you, or any member of your Council, are interested in participating please contact our Office Manager, Kevin Gamble, at administration@teslontario.org for further details.

Last year's TESL Ontario Conference attracted more than 700 attendees. Our members travel from across the province and beyond to attend workshops, research symposia, a technology fair and publishers' displays. For many of us, this annual journey to Toronto marks a time when we can share our experiences, expand our skills, and reaffirm the positive contribution that our province makes to diversity.

Through a set of criteria developed to ensure measurable qualifications among ESL professionals, TESL Ontario demands the best of qualifications from our members, as well as the best of training from the TESL training programs accredited by TESL Ontario. As a result, we offer the finest in second language education to our students, who are capable of contributing a wealth of knowledge and experience to Ontario communities.

Attached, please find our suggested wording of the proclamation. If you have any suggestions or comments as to the content of this document, please contact our Executive Director, Renate Tilson, at 416-593-4243 ext. 203.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

James Papple,
Chair

Cc: Mark Koning

Subject: City of Markham support for World AIDS Day event in Dec 2016

Importance: High

Dear Cecilia,

The City of Markham has annually issued a proclamation to declare December 1 as World AIDS Day and Mayor Scarpitti has enthusiastically supported our annual Red for Change social media campaign to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS in York Region.

This year, we are planning to bring our annual World AIDS Day reception and candlelight vigil to Markham to raise more awareness about HIV/AIDS in the community and share information about our work.

2016 marks the 20th year since Anti-Retroviral Therapy became the standard of treatment for people living with HIV. This year we are planning to invite civic leaders across York Region as well as Executive Directors of all our partner social service agencies to our World AIDS Day gathering to make a public pledge in support of the voices of those living with and impacted by HIV/AIDS.

I am writing to seek the support of the City of Markham in hosting this event on Thursday, December 1 evening. We are tentatively considering hosting the event and vigil at the Varley Art Gallery in Unionville (Lobby and Courtyard). We will greatly appreciate if the City of Markham makes this space available for us at no cost or co-sponsors our event so that we can open doors for wider community participation.

Please do let me know if I should be sending this request to another staff at the Mayor's office. Thank you for your consideration.

Look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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August 4, 2016

His Worship The Mayor

Frank Scarpitti

City of Markham

Re: Request for Mayoral proclamation, celebrate Canada/Caribana together and to join the Canada Day parade

Request: This letter's aim is to request (a) a Mayoral proclamation regarding the City of Markham hosting Markham's celebration of Caribana's 50th anniversary (that coincides with Canada's 150th anniversary celebrations ; (b) putting a style float at the back of the Cana Day "People's parade in 2017.

Background: Caribana (a fusion of Caribbean and Canada) started in 1967 as the Caribbean community's contribution to Canada's celebrations (see attached) . The then Mayor of Toronto encouraged the Caribbean community in 1968 to "repeat its performance" – and over the years the Caribbean community has built Caribana into one of (if not) the largest summer festivals in North America bringin in millions of dollars into governmental coffers.

Caribana archive project (CAP): This project is a labour of love – it seeks to digitize archival material as input to building "the untold Caribana story"; to date It has secured the cooperation of York University as the " Caribana archival repository". It is this project that is asking the City of Markham – home to many dynamic Caribbean born people and consummate advocate of diversity – to accede to its request (a) for the Caribbean community and the larger Markham resident ethnocultural communities to join together in a celebration of love and unity, (b) for the Caribbean community to put a steelband float into and at the back of next year's Canada day People's parade and (c) for the Mayor of this fine City to proclaim June 29, June 30 and July 1, 2017 as Caribana's 50th/Canada's 150th "twinning" celebration.

In closing we thank you for your unstinting support to date and we welcome your approval and support of our request.

Sincerely

Churchill Piggott

Project Architect, Former Caribana Chair and Markham resident

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