





April 2, 2007

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

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

Re: The Peace Tree Day

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Peace Tree Day is an annual festival for people of every culture, race and religion to celebrate peace and diversity together. The idea was conceived by an internationally acclaimed Toronto filmmaker and educator, Mitra Sen.

In York Region, York Regional Police organized Peace Tree Fundraiser in February 2006. The City of Vaughan proclaimed June 1st as the Peace Tree Day in 2006. Bakersfield Public School of York Region District School Board organized a Peace Tree Ambassadors training session on November 5, 2006 inviting 55 Peace Tree Ambassadors from 11 schools in York Region.

Mr. Ranjit Kumar, Human Services Planning Coalition (HSPC) Representative, proposed the following motion to the February 21, 2007 Human Services Planning Coalition meeting:

Whereas the Peace Tree concept embodies the spirit of unity in diversity;

Whereas HSPC is committed to promoting harmony and peaceful co-existence within our rich and beautiful tapestry of cultures and faiths in York Region; that

HSPC requests Regional and local municipalities, school boards, York Regional Police and other human services agencies in York Region to jointly celebrate June 1 as the Peace Tree Day, an occasion that the communities all join hands and reaffirm their commitment to peace and togetherness.

The motion was adopted by HSPC. The York Regional Council has also adopted the motion at its March 29, 2007 meeting. On behalf of HSPC, we are asking the Town of Markham to celebrate June 1 as the Peace Tree Day. Mr. Ranjit Kumar and staff of the Human Services Planning Branch will be pleased to provide information and assistance towards the Region's celebration of the 2007 Peace Tree Day.

Sincerely,

Councillor Joyce Frustaglio

HSPC Co-Chair

Bill Hogarth

Director of Education

York Region District School Board

Brie Hogarth

HSPC Co-Chair



April 23, 2007

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
The Corporation of the Town of Markham
Anthony Roman Centre
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

In 2006, the The Corporation of the Town of Markham graciously proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We would like to thank you for helping raise awareness of these life long, complex conditions.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charity, has been making a positive difference in the lives of individuals affected by spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus (sb/h) for over 34 years. SB&H provides support through the many challenges brought on by these serious, disabling conditions.

We are requesting that the The Corporation of the Town of Markham once again declare June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month. We enclose a sample declaration for your convenience.

Again, thank you for making a difference through your proclamation and for considering this year's request.

Sincerely,

Derryn V. Gill

Derryn V. Gill Chair, Board of Directors

SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS	the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families; and
WHEREAS	Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and
WHEREAS	the there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and
WHEREAS	the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED

That the The Corporation of the Town of Markham hereby proclaims the month of June to be

SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

in the The Corporation of the Town of Markham and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

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#### April 17, 2007

### Dear Mayor:

As in every other community in Ontario, Seniors are the fastest growing segment of your constituency. And this growth is not in Ontario alone. The trend to older populations is a worldwide phenomenon.

With the rise in numbers, we are also seeing a rise in cases of **Elder Abuse**.

As you know, Elder Abuse takes a number of forms, ranging from financial exploitation and neglect, to psychological and even physical harm.

Like other forms of abuse, Elder Abuse is abetted by silence. A community that is unaware of the causes and the nature of Elder Abuse and is not exploring possible means of prevention and redress is putting its Seniors at risk.

#### Community awareness is a critical first step to ending Elder Abuse.

For the past five years, Toronto Residents In Partnership has taken up the challenge to have municipalities across the Province recognize the signs and the consequences of Elder Abuse. At TRIP's invitation, the City of Toronto was the first city in the world to proclaim an Elder Awareness Month in 2002. The numbers today continue to grow. Won't you join with mayors and councils across and beyond the GTA to officially proclaim June Elder Abuse Awareness Month in your community?

Toronto Residents In Partnership is a not-for-profit organization whose members are dedicated to the promotion of racial, ethnic, religious and communal understanding, cooperation and harmony. We would be happy to offer our support and our assistance in drafting a Proclamation document, providing an information package, and in recognizing and publicizing your community's participation in this initiative.

Thank you for your participation.

Harvey Starkman
President
Toronto Residents In Partnership

## Proclamation

### Elder Abuse Awareness Month

## June 2007

Whereas Elder Abuse can be defined as any act of commission or omission which results in harm to an older person, and						
Whereas elimination of abuse is our social and moral responsibility, and						
Whereas the City of who may suffer from neglect or become abuse, and						
Whereas all residents should be aware of and sensitive to signs of abuse to an older person, such as physical trauma, withdrawal, depression, anxiety, fear of family members, friends, or care-givers,						
Now therefore, I, Mayor proclaim <b>June 2007</b> as <b>Elder Abuse</b> community to work together to ensure and safety.	Awareness Month and end	courage everyone in our				

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April 27, 2007





All Ontario Municipalities

SUBJECT: 2007 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend



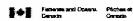
As you know, the Province of Ontario, in partnership with many nongovernment organizations like the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, declares one summer weekend (Friday, July 6 through Sunday, July 8, 2007) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, now run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 1–8, 2007, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



Would you please help us publicize the 2007 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Ice Fishing Weekend February 23 and 24, 2008. There will be more details on this later in the year.



For further information, please contact the following during business hours:

Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (705)-748-6324

Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources

(705)-755-1902



Thank you for your assistance.

Yours in Conservation,

Mark Cousins

Ontario Family Fishing Weekend Steering Committee

c/o Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters

P.O. Box 2800

Peterborough, Ontario

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# September 27, 28, 29 & 30, 2007



April 10, 2007

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 163 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 27th to 30th** inclusive and we would respectfully request that Markham Town Council proclaim the week of **September 24th "MARKHAM FAIR WEEK"**.

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

Yours truly,

DAN O'BRIEN GENERAL MANAGER RECEIVED

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## Markham and East York Agricultural Society

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