

June 1, 2007

Clerk's Department
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

RE: PROCLAMATION OF YORK REGION PRIDE WEEK SEPTEMBER 3RD THROUGH 9TH, 2007

Dear Sir or Madam:

As you know, York Region is one of the fastest growing and diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to participate in the celebration of differences and protection of equity within their constituencies.

The *York Pride Fest Committee* is group of volunteer leaders who have assembled to organize York Region's Pride Week celebrations for 2007. The members represent a strong LGBT-Straight alliance of York Region service providers and community members dedicated to the creation and growth of **YORK PRIDE FEST** as one of the largest cultural events in York Region.

On behalf of the *York Pride Fest Committee*, we are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town of Markham through the Proclamation of ~~Pride Week in Markham~~, September 3rd through September 9th, 2007. Your Proclamation would be a valued acknowledgment of the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities living in York Region.

This year marks the seventh annual celebration of Pride Week in York Region and we look forward to your positive response regarding the continuation of this important tradition in Markham. We thank you for your consideration of our request and look forward to welcoming you to some of the exciting activities happening throughout York Region the week of September 3rd, 2007.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director
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