



Mayoral Proclamation

Proclamation declaring April 27 to May 3, 2008
National Volunteer Week

Whereas, 11.8 million Canadian volunteers give their time to help others, contributing almost two billion volunteer hours per year; and

Whereas, volunteers in the Town of Markham mentor our children, feed our hungry, comfort our lonely, beautify our green spaces, and fundraise for our charitable organizations; and

Whereas, Markham's volunteers are young, old, families, workers, retirees, men and women of all ages and backgrounds; and

Whereas, the collective result of the work done by our city's volunteers is that Markham is a more desirable place to live; and

Whereas, agencies in Markham rely on volunteers including such fundamental organizations as our hospital, community centres, senior facilities, festivals, or any other volunteer-involving organization which is relevant to our community; and

Whereas, volunteers play a critical role as Board and Committee members in the decision making process in our local government, our local hospital, our local business associations, etc.;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of the Town of Markham, do hereby proclaim April 27 - May 3, 2008, as National Volunteer Week, and urge my fellow citizens to recognize the crucial role played by volunteers in our community.

**Girls Incorporated®
of York Region**

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March 28, 2008

Ms. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk,
Town Of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd,
Markham, Ontario, L3R 9W3

**girls
inc.®**

Inspiring all girls to
be strong, smart
and boldSM

**RE: PROCLAMATION OF GIRLS RIGHTS WEEK,
APRIL 28 TO MAY 2, 2008**

Dear Ms. Birrell,

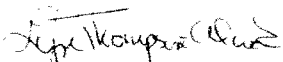
York Region is one of the fastest growing and most diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to celebrate the protection of equality within their constituencies.

Girls Incorporated® of York Region (GIYR) is a non-profit youth organization that is dedicated to empowering girls and young women to seek the highest quality of life possible. The programs that we offer are designed to help girls develop to the fullest of their capacities in all areas of life. We actively strive to enhance confidence and self-esteem in girls and young women, while giving them the skills and tools they need in order to be empowered, productive and contributing members of society.

We are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Markham through the proclamation of ***Girl's Rights Week*** in Markham, April 28th through May 2nd, 2008. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of all girls and women living in York Region.

Girls require and deserve the awareness, attention, and commitment of a wide range of individuals and organizations to promote their healthy development. We thank you for your consideration of our request and we look forward to your positive response.

Sincerely,



Lyn Thompson-Alcock
Executive Director

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March 31, 2008



Mayor Frank Scarpetti
City of Markham
101 Town Centre Blvd.
Markham L3R 9W3

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Dear Mayor Scarpetti:

Re: National Day of Mourning

Since 1991, April 28th has been recognized nationally as the Day of Mourning.

I am writing to ask that the City of Markham commemorate this National Day. The Labour Council is requesting that the Town:

1. Officially proclaim Saturday, April 28th as a "Day of Mourning for workers killed or injured on the job".
2. Publicize the proclamation as widely as possible.
3. Lower the City's flags to half-mast.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Cartwright". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John Cartwright
President

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March 19th, 2008

Ms. Sheila Birrell, Town Clerk,
Town Of Markham,
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RE: PROCLAMATION OF YORK REGION PRIDE WEEK, JUNE 16th THROUGH 22nd, 2008

Dear Ms. Birrell,

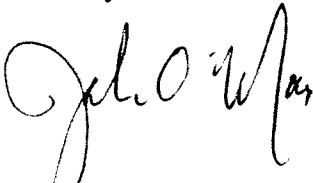
As you know, York Region is one of the fastest growing and diverse regions in Canada and provides some of the most wonderful opportunities for community leaders to participate in the celebration of differences and protection of equality within their constituencies.

The *York Pride Fest Committee* is a group of volunteer leaders who have assembled to organize York Region's Pride Week celebration for 2008. 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.

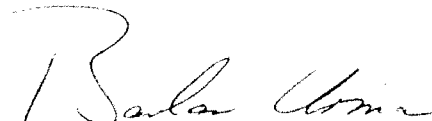
On behalf of the *York Pride Fest Committee*, we are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Markham through the Proclamation of Pride Week in Markham, June 16th through June 22nd, 2008. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities living in York Region.

This year marks the eighth 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 June 16th, 2008.

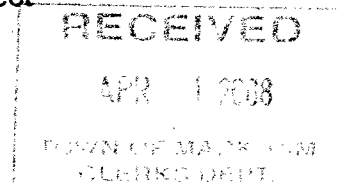
Sincerely,



John O'Mara
Committee Co-Chair
Executive Director
Addiction Services For York Region



Barb Urman
Committee Co-Chair
Coordinator, York Region LGBT Community
Outreach Project



THE YORK REGION LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY OUTREACH PROJECT

In January 2005, the Ontario Trillium Foundation agreed to fund the York Region Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender (LGBT) Community Outreach Project. The Project, which is a co-partnership between Addiction Services York Region and Family Services York Region, is a four-year pilot project. The Project has specific funding to be distributed to agencies that have completed training and wish to begin LGBT-specific programs. Understanding the importance of policy setting, as well as developing awareness and sensitivity at the governance, management and front-line level will lay the groundwork for systematic change and setting an agenda that includes LGBT health and awareness.

The work is supported by an Advisory Committee, which includes the following agencies:

- Addiction Services of York Region
- AIDS Committee of York Region
- Canadian Cancer Society
- Family Services York Region
- Gay and Lesbian Athlete's Association
- Girls Inc.
- Krasman Centre
- PFLAG York Region
- Sandgate Woman's Shelter
- Southlake Regional Health Centre
- Transitional and Supportive Housing Services of York Region
- Women's Centre Of York Region
- Women's Support Network
- Yellow Brick House
- York Central Hospital
- York Region Abuse Program (YRAP)
- York Region Children's Aid Society
- York Support Services Network
- York Regional Police

The Committee meets six times over the course of the year and oversees the Trillium work plan. The aim of the Committee is to take a systematic and coordinated approach to eliminate discrimination and oppression on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity.

The following is taken from the Committee's Terms of Reference (ratified January 26, 2006)

Mission

To develop and implement collaboratively designed training and education programs to support a comprehensive culturally appropriate and quality service delivery system to meet the needs of LGBT persons and their families in York Region.

Principles

Our aim is to take a systematic and coordinated approach to eliminate discrimination and oppression on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity within the human services sectors in York Region, by supporting service sectors to increase their resources/capacity in the provision of anti-oppression services in York Region.

Goals

1. To evolve the Advisory Committee into an ongoing sustainable community coordinating committee
2. To support the coordinator in identifying alternative sources of funding
3. To ensure that the Project's work plan is adhered to
4. To provide systemic links that are necessary to ensure the success of the Trillium Project work plan
5. To support service sectors to increase their resources/capacity.

Membership

1. All members must be committed to the principles, beliefs and visions of the Project
2. Original stakeholders as identified in the Trillium proposal
3. Members of the LGBT community (who represent a constituency)
4. Other stakeholders as identified by the Coordinator and/or Committee
5. Committee members must be committed to regular attendance

Accountability (i.e. decision making)

1. The committee is an advisory committee that will meet 6 times per year to consult, monitor and evaluate the Trillium work plan
2. Commitment to transparency in decision making with regard to the work plan
3. Commitment to consensual decision making with regard to the work plan
4. Where consensus cannot be achieved, The Project's sponsors (ASYR / FSyr) reserve the right to make the decision.

The community Outreach Project is now in its fourth year. Beginning in the late Fall of 2006, the Project began to offer education and support to human service providers in the non-profit sector in York Region. There is no fee for training/consultation to organizations in the Region.

The training has been extremely well received. Feedback from participants includes:

- "Thank you so much for the training... The feedback from staff has been outstanding. They are still talking about it. They not only loved the topic, the content and the interactive opportunities of the day, they are also praising you very highly for your group skills."
- "This is one of the best training sessions I've ever experienced in my 20+ years at this agency."
- "Excellent program. Everything presented was useful and thought provoking."

April 11, 2008



TO: All Ontario Municipalities

SUBJECT: 2008 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 4 through Sunday, July 6, 2008) a licence-free fishing weekend.

This special weekend, again run in conjunction with National Fishing Week, July 5-13, 2008, includes fish festivals, clinics, or conservation and educational activities that may be held in your area.



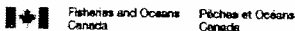
Would you please help us publicize the 2008 Ontario Family Fishing Weekend in any calendar of summer events you may participate in or publish. In addition, please consider "declaring" this date as Ontario Family Fishing Weekend.

Please also remember that there will be an Ontario Family Fishing Winter Weekend February 14-16, 2009. There will be more details on this later in the year.



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

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| 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



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