

April, 6th 2010

Mayor Frank Scarpitti
Markham Civic Centre
101 Town Centre Boulevard,
Markham, Ontario, Canada
L3R 9W3

Dear Mayor Frank Scarpitti:

As a member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons of Ontario, I am submitting this request to the Town of Markham to proclaim April 2010 as "Oral Health Month." Our intention with this proclamation is to raise awareness about the overall health benefits of good oral health. During this period, we will focus on school children and educate them on how to maintain their oral health.

I would like to extend a personal invitation for you to attend Cornell Village Public School on April 19th at 9:30am for the kick-off of this program. The school has put together an assembly during which there will be a 30 minute presentation. The school has received their kits and each teacher will be monitoring the program over the course of a month.

The Ontario Dental Association promotes the highest possible professional standards and quality of care, and provides public education about the importance of oral and overall health.

This year, our program will highlight Brush-a-mania, an educational program designed to teach elementary school children the benefits of good oral health. Each student will receive a toothbrush and toothpaste at the beginning of April. They will record each time they brush their teeth for three minutes. At the end of April, the students will receive a certificate, stickers and sugarless gum.

We will also use media and advertising opportunities as well as educational materials to spread this important message.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. We look forward to hearing from you soon. If you should have any questions or need further information, please feel free to contact myself.

Sincerely,

Dr. Migara Weerasinghe

PROCLAMATION

ORAL HEALTH MONTH

April 2010

- Whereas: In order to promote oral health, the Toronto Academy of Dentistry and the Rotary Club of Toronto – Don Mills are organizing Brush-a-mania for approximately 30,000 students in 100 schools; and
- Whereas: The Ontario Dental Association promotes the highest possible professional standards and quality of care, and provides public education about the importance of oral and overall health; and
- Whereas: The Ontario Dental Association is kicking off the province-wide Brush-a-mania campaign in the Town of Markham)
- Whereas: All participants will receive instruction in proper oral hygiene and a dental kit. In addition, they will be required to brush their teeth three times a day for three minutes for the month of April.
- Now therefore: I, Mayor Frank Scarpitti, on behalf of the Town of Markham Council and the people of our great town, do hereby proclaim April 2010 as “Oral Health Month” and encourage everyone to practice optimal oral hygiene and support the Ontario Dental Association during their annual event.



March 17, 2010

Ms. Kimberly Kitteringham,
Town Clerk,
Town of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd,
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

Please accept this letter requesting a proclamation for the Hospice Palliative Care Week which will occur from May 2nd - 8th, 2010. This annual event, that takes place across Canada, is a one-week campaign that focuses on raising awareness about hospice palliative care. It is also a time to celebrate, recognize and share the achievements of hospice palliative care throughout the Town of Markham.

This year's theme is about "discovering your voice". The experiences and reflections on the value of hospice palliative care for those living with life-limiting illness, their caregivers and family members need to be shared in order to enhance understanding of hospice palliative care and its benefits. This theme is relevant to the Town of Markham. As the aging population in the Town of Markham grows, a significant number of deaths resulting from cancer, heart disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorders, diabetes and other chronic conditions will continue to occur. Moreover, the growing diversity and complexity of the city make access to quality and responsive hospice palliative care services for more vulnerable citizens of Markham an ongoing issue.

There is a strong hospice palliative care presence in the Town of Markham. Citizens of Markham are fortunate to have access to a comprehensive suite of services in any care setting (hospitals, residential hospices, long-term care homes and care at home). These services are provided by dedicated and compassionate professionals and organizations that are committed to the hospice palliative care cause.

The Central Hospice Palliative care Network would like to request the Markham Council to proclaim May 2-8, 2010 Hospice Palliative Care Week in Markham (and Thornhill).

We hope you will give this request your careful consideration and look forward to your response. Attached is a draft Proclamation.

Sincerely,

Jane Wangui, Ph.D.

Coordinator

DRAFT PROPOSED PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS Hospice Palliative Care Week 2010 is focused on ensuring that the voices of those living with a terminal life-threatening illness, their caregivers and family members are heard in order to better understand the value and meaning of hospice palliative care.

Quality hospice palliative care strives to help patients and their families:

- Address physical, psychological, social, spiritual and practices issues, and their associated expectations, needs, hopes and fears;
- Prepare for and manage self-determined life closure and the dying process; and
- Cope with loss and grief during the illness and bereavement.

The hospice palliative care networks within the Town of Markham and their friends and partners seek to ensure that hospice palliative care for its patients, caregivers and their families is integrated and of high quality. Continued commitment, awareness and partnerships are key to this vision.

NOW THEREFORE, the Markham Council, on behalf of the people of the Town of Markham and Thornhill, do hereby proclaim May 2-8, 2010 as "Hospice Palliative Care Week.