

Hau, Lucy

Subject: PROCLAMATION REQUEST - Fibromyalgia Awareness Day

From: Carolyn Swirsky

Sent: April 28, 2010 4:42 PM

To: Capocci, Ralph

Subject: Fibromyalgia Awareness Day on May 12th

April 27, 2010

Mr. Scarpitti and Mr. Capocci,

We are writing on behalf of the members of the North York Fibromyalgia Support Group to advise you of an awareness event scheduled for the south lawn at Queen's Park on May 12th starting at 10:00 a.m. with speeches commencing at 11:00am to mark the International day of Awareness for three disabling illnesses: **Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (ME/CFS), Fibromyalgia and Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS).**

Our members represent some of the 440,000 Ontarians living on a daily basis with one or more of these illnesses. There are more Ontarians impacted by these illnesses than many other better-known conditions including Parkinson's, Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's and HIV/AIDS. You can refer to this fact sheet for some additional information - <http://www.meao-cfs.on.ca/files/ME-FactSheet.pdf>

We ask that you or your representative attend this event to show your support and to learn about the needs of your constituents.

This year marks the 18th year of May 12th Awareness day, yet there is still very little awareness or support available for these people. **It's Time for Awareness!!** Ontario MPP's must take steps to see that the required health services and supports systems are implemented to address the needs of people living with these illnesses.

We hope to see you on May 12th.

We are also looking for support in declaring Fibromyalgia Awareness day in Markham.

Sincerely,

Gisella Imbrogno

Carolyn Swirsky Polisuk

(Co-Facilitators of the York Fibromyalgia Support Group.)

April 21, 2010

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



Re: York Region Road Watch Committee

Dear Mayor Scarpitti:

In 1995, a group of concerned citizens initiated the Road Watch Program in response to the number of fatal collisions in the community of Caledon. Since then, the Road Watch Program has been adopted by a number of other communities throughout Ontario, including York Region.

Road Watch is a community-based initiative that gives residents and visitors of York Region an opportunity to report aggressive and unsafe drivers to the police. The program targets aggressive and unsafe driving through awareness, education and enforcement. When reports are received and validated, a letter is sent to the registered owner of the vehicle advising them of the behaviour and encouraging safer driving. If multiple reports are received, an officer is sent to speak to the owner personally.

Originally, it was established that each municipality in the Region would be represented at the Regional Road Watch Committee level through the appointment of a member-of-council and a qualified community member. Unfortunately since then, several municipalities including Markham have stopped participating.

The York Region Road Watch Committee is requesting that the Town of Markham appoint a member-of-council to be responsible for the Road Watch portfolio. This appointment would require periodic attendance at quarterly meetings; the monitoring of Road Watch related issues and the appointment of a qualified citizen to participate in regular committee meetings. The council member would act as the liaison between the regional committee and Markham council.

The Regional Road Watch Committee continues to raise awareness about the program throughout the region by attending community events and seizing marketing opportunities as they present themselves. However, those marketing opportunities are as limited as our resources. Advertising in local newspapers, producing posters, handouts and other marketing material is and would continue to be an effective way of promoting Road Watch. For those reasons the committee is requesting that each municipality contribute \$500.00 per year to Road Watch to be used for education and marketing. Cheques should be made payable to the York Region Road Watch Committee c/o the York Regional Police Traffic Bureau, 17250 Yonge St., Newmarket, ON, L3Y 4W5.

In keeping with raising awareness, the Regional Road Watch Committee is asking each municipality in York Region to declare the week of May 17 – 23, 2010, Road Watch Week. This may assist in highlighting the program in the public eye and hopefully bring more attention to road safety.

If all municipalities appoint individuals to the Regional Road Watch Committee who are dedicated and passionate about road safety; annually contribute funding and declare a Road Watch week every spring, the potential exists to provide our citizens with an efficient and effective avenue to report aggressive and dangerous driving and to take ownership of road safety.


If further information is needed, please do not hesitate to call York Regional Police Sergeant Edmond Villamere, Supervisor of Traffic Safety Education at 1-866-876-5423, extension 7706.

Traffic safety is everyone's responsibility. Your anticipated support is greatly appreciated.

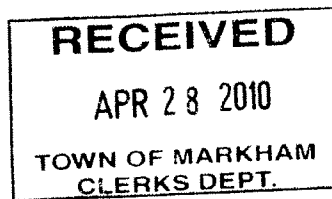
Sincerely,



Linda Pabst,
Councillor, Township of King
Co-Chair, York Region Roadwatch Committee



Staff Sergeant Bradley Bulmer
Traffic Bureau Commander
York Regional Police
Co-Chair, York Region Roadwatch Committee



Regional Clerk's Office
Corporate Services Department

April 26, 2010

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham
Town Clerk
Town of Markham
101 Town Centre Boulevard
Markham, ON L3R 9W3

Dear Ms. Kitteringham:

Re: National Access Awareness Week

At its meeting on April 22, 2010, Regional Council had before it a letter from Regional Councillor Spatafora requesting that Regional Council declare June 6 to June 12, 2010 as National Access Awareness Week and encourage the nine local municipalities to do the same.

It was Council's decision to recognize June 6 to June 12, 2010 as National Access Awareness Week. This letter requests your Council to also recognize June 6 to June 12, 2010 as National Access Awareness Week.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Denis Kelly".

Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk

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LGBT COMMUNITY PROJECT



April 15th, 2010

Ms. Kimberley Kitteringham, Town Clerk,
Town Of Markham,
101 Town Centre Blvd,
Markham, Ontario L3R 9W3

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RE: PROCLAMATION OF YORK REGION PRIDE WEEK, JUNE 6th THROUGH 13th, 2010

Dear Ms. Kitteringham,

York Region is one of the fastest growing regions in Canada, providing wonderful opportunities for community leaders to participate in the celebration of diversity and protection of equality within their constituencies.


The York PRIDEFEST Committee is a group of volunteer leaders who have assembled to organize York Region's Pride Week celebration for 2010. The members represent a strong LGBT-Straight alliance of York Region service providers and community members dedicated to the creation and growth of **YORK PRIDEFEST** as one of the largest cultural events in York Region.

York PRIDEFEST was founded in 2007, as part of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Outreach Project, a co-partnership between Addiction Services York Region and Family Services York Region. York PRIDEFEST now resides under the more recent Trillium LGBT Project, funded by FSyr. Details of this important initiative are appended to this letter.

2010 is a milestone for the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender population in York region. It marks the tenth anniversary that Pride Week has been celebrated in the region. On behalf of the York PRIDEFEST Committee, we are writing to request participation and leadership from the Town Of Markham through the Proclamation of Pride Week in Markham, June 6th through June 13th, 2010. Your proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of this milestone as well as the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities living in York Region.

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 during Pride Week.

Sincerely,


Elisha Laker, MSW, RSW
Executive Director


Barbara Urman, MSW, RSW
Coordinator, York Region LGBT Community Project

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Hau, Lucy

From: Barbara Urman [burman@fsyr.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, May 04, 2010 5:21 PM

To: Hau, Lucy

Subject: Flag raising

Hello, Lucy.

As per our telephone conversation, the PRIDEFEST Committee of York Region would be delighted to have the Town of Markham once again raise the rainbow flag during PRIDE Week.

Many thanks for calling me to confirm this. If I can be of any more help, please don't hesitate to get in touch with me.

Barb Urman, MSW, RSW
Family Services York Region
Coordinator – LGBT Services
Clinical Supervisor