

April 21, 2010

Chair Fisch and Members of Regional Council  
York Region Administration Building  
17250 Yonge Street, 4th Floor  
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

**Subject: National Hunger Awareness Day June 1, 2010**

Dear Chair Fisch and Members of Regional Council,

I am writing today, on behalf of hungry Canadians in our community, to request the support of York Region Council in proclaiming June 1, 2010 National Hunger Awareness Day in York Region.

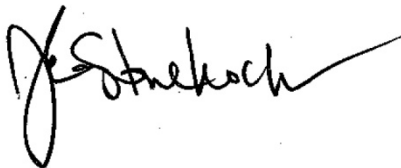
The goal of the Hunger Awareness Day movement is to raise awareness about the solvable problem of hunger in Canada and ask Canadians to take action to help reduce the need for food banks in our country. Hunger in Canada exists because structural factors, such as poverty and lack of affordable housing perpetuate it.

In 2009, York Region food banks provided food for almost 55,000 clients. This is a 27% increase over 2008 numbers. People helped by food banks include seniors, people with disabilities and even people with full time jobs who need help from food banks to make ends meet. In York Region, 41% of those helped are children.

By proclaiming National Hunger Awareness Day in York Region, we are joining with communities across the country to encourage all citizens to take action against hunger. Details of our event will be available shortly.

I respectfully request that this day be recognized by the government of The Regional Municipality of York as a day of significant importance for all Canadians.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joan Stonehocker".

Joan Stonehocker  
Executive Director