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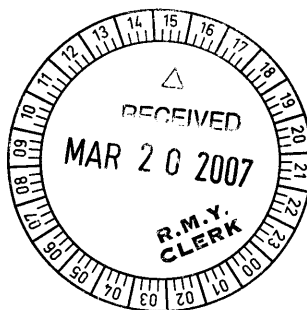
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REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. 903

Mr. Bill Fisch
Chairman and CEO
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1



Dear Chair Fisch:

Re: The Peace Tree Day

Peace Tree Day is an annual festival for people of every culture, race and religion to celebrate peace and diversity together. The idea was conceived by an internationally acclaimed Toronto filmmaker and educator, Mitra Sen.

In York Region, the York Regional Police organized a Peace Tree Fundraiser in February 2006. The City of Vaughan proclaimed June 1st as the Peace Tree Day in 2006. Bakersfield Public School of York Region District School Board organized a Peace Tree Ambassadors training session on November 5, 2006 inviting 55 Peace Tree Ambassadors from 11 schools in York Region.

Mr. Ranjit Kumar and Staff Sergeant Ricky Veerappan, Human Services Planning Coalition (HSPC) Representatives, proposed the following motion to the February 21, 2007 Human Services Planning Coalition meeting:

Whereas the Peace Tree concept embodies the spirit of unity in diversity; and

Whereas HSPC is committed to promoting harmony and peaceful co-existence within our rich and beautiful tapestry of cultures and faiths in York Region; the

HSPC requests Regional and local municipalities, school boards, York Regional Police and other human services agencies in York Region to jointly celebrate June 1 as the Peace Tree Day, an occasion that the communities all join hands and reaffirm their commitment to peace and togetherness.

The motion was adopted by HSPC. On behalf of HSPC, we are asking the Regional Municipality of York to celebrate June 1 as the Peace Tree Day. Mr. Ranjit Kumar and staff of the Human Services Planning Branch will be pleased to provide information and assistance towards the Region's celebration of the 2007 Peace Tree Day.

Sincerely,

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Regional Councillor/Deputy Mayor
Joyce Frustaglio
HSPC Co-Chair

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Bill Hogarth
Director of Education
York Region District School Board
HSPC Co-Chair

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