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Mr. Denis Kelly, Regional Clerk,
Corporate Services Department
The Council of the Municipality of York,
York Region Administration Bldg.,
17250 Yonge St, 4th Floor,
Newmarket, ON. L3Y 6Z1

10 April, 2006

re: Request for declaration of York Region ESL week.

Dear Mr. Kelly,

We are writing on behalf of the Executive Committee of the TESL Ontario North York/York Region Affiliate to request that this year the Council of the Municipality of York recognise the week of November 12 – 18, 2006 as "English as a Second Language Week". This coincides with the TESLONTARIO annual conference and the TESL Toronto ESL week.

One of the purposes of an ESL week is to celebrate the role and contributions of the ESL professional community in the crucial task of aiding immigrants (new comers and sometimes old timers) in attaining the language skills that will enable them to participate in the economic, social and artistic life of the nation. It also recognises the huge efforts that the ESL learner community makes. It educates the public as to the importance of this endeavour and highlights the support of the public and governing bodies for this cause. This may be done through displays, videos, speakers, open houses, educational events, social events and media coverage.

Immigration is a central issue in York Region and there are many organisations including the York Catholic District School Board, the York Regional School Board, and COSTI which are involved in the delivery of ESL programmes and services.

We therefore respectfully request that you recognise November 12-18 as "English as a Second Language Week."

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Claudie Graner".

Claudie Graner
Co-President

TESL North York/York Region

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Susan Richarz".

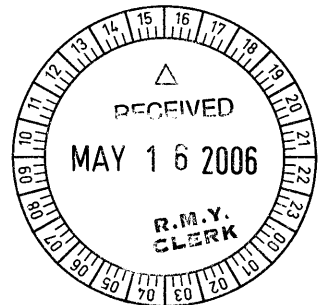
per Susan Richarz
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cc Sharon Rajabi, President, TESLONTARIO