
DATE: April 7, 2010

REPORT TITLE: **WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY**

FROM: Janet Menard, Commissioner of Human Services
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RECOMMENDATION

That June 15, 2010 be proclaimed World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the Regional Municipality of Peel.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

- World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was launched as a global event in 2006.
- Peel Region supports and participates in a wide range of collaborative activities related to support for older adults including a close working relationship with the Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network (PEAPN).
- The proclamation of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Peel Region will raise awareness and support activities that will continue to address the goal, mission and key messages developed by INPEA.

DISCUSSION

1. Background

The International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse (INPEA) launched World Elder Abuse Awareness Day as a global event on June 15, 2006. At that time Council supported a proclamation. The wording of that proclamation is attached as Appendix I. The proclamation of World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in Peel Region will raise awareness and support activities that will continue to address the goal, mission and key messages developed by INPEA.

2. Findings

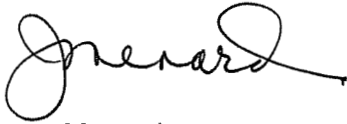
The Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network (PEAPN) includes more than thirty organizations in Peel, including representation from Regional departments. PEAPN has requested to make a presentation to General Committee on May 6, 2010. Peel Region supports and participates in a wide range of collaborative activities related to support for older adults including a close working relationship with the Peel Elder Abuse Prevention Network (PEAPN).

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3. Proposed Direction

It is recommended that Council support PEAPN's request to proclaim June 15, 2010 as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day in the Region of Peel.

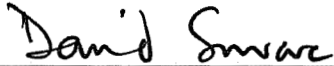


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APPENDIX I

Proclamation

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY

JUNE 15, 2010

WHEREAS, the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse has designated that June 15, 2006 be the first World Elder Abuse Awareness Day as a time to share information about the state of elder abuse and to encourage older adults to seek support if they are experiencing a form of abuse;

AND WHEREAS, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights recognizes that all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights and are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood (article 1);

AND WHEREAS, the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms recognizes that "Every individual is equal before and under the law and has the right to the equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination and, in particular, without discrimination based on race, national or ethnic origin, colour, religion, sex, age or mental or physical disability" (section 15.1); and that "Everyone has the right not to be subjected to any cruel and unusual treatment or punishment"; (section 12);

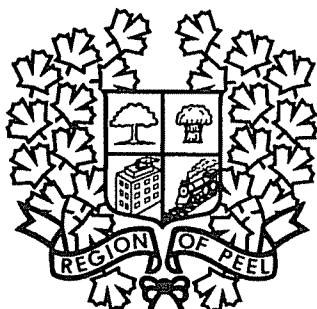
AND WHEREAS, there are citizens in Peel, and other communities across the Province of Ontario, who are experiencing or have experienced some form of elder abuse;

AND WHEREAS, Canada, Ontario and the Region of Peel are actively involved with networks to combat this serious problem;

AND WHEREAS, the Regional Municipality of Peel supports and collaborates in a range of activities that support health and well-being of older adults;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, THAT June 15, 2010, be proclaimed "WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY" in the Regional Municipality of Peel.

AND FURTHER, THAT our partners be encouraged to continue to work towards a society where our "latter years of life" will be free from abuse, neglect and exploitation.



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