## **APPLICATION FOR PROCLAMATION**



(Please complete and submit your completed form to the Town Clerk @ clerks@richmondhill.ca at least three weeks in advance of the occasion)

## Please Print

ORGANIZATION NAME:	
CONTACT NAME: Mr. [] Mrs. [] Ms. [	] Miss []
ADDRESS:	
CITY/TOWN:	
PROVINCE:	_ POSTAL CODE:
HOME PHONE:	BUSINESS PHONE:
FACSIMILE: E	MAIL:

**PROCLAMATION REQUESTED** (Name or title of proclamation):

**DATES OF PROCLAMATION** (Please check and insert dates)

□ Day(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_ □ Week \_\_\_\_\_

Month \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE OF PROCLAMATION (Please check all that apply):

Civic Promotions Public Awareness Campaign Charitable Fundraising Campaign

Arts and Cultural Celebration Special Honor for individual or Organization

Other (please explain) \_\_\_\_

DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANIZATION (Please include a brief description and any other relevant information related to your request. Additional information/documentation may be attached to this application):

## Has the same or a similar proclamation been requested of the Richmond Hill Council in past years?

Yes (insert date of previous request) \_\_\_\_\_\_

□ No (new request)

You must provide the draft wording for your proclamation in order to receive an official signed proclamation from the Mayor.

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act. The information is used for the purpose of processing the application for proclamation. Questions about this collection of information can be made to the Town Clerk (905) 771-8800.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## PLEASE RETURN OUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO:

Office of the Clerk 225 East Beaver Creek Road Richmond Hill, ON L4B 3P4 clerks@richmondhill.ca; Fax 905-771-2502

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From: kpodolski@builtgreencanada.ca Sent: Monday, May 27, 2019 1:27 PM To: Office-Mayor Richmondhill Subject: Request for Proclamation: show support for sustainable building

Dear Mayor and Council,

We're reaching out to request that the City of Richmond Hill proclaim June 5 BUILT GREEN® Day.

This will be the sixth year we've asked municipalities to show their leadership through their support of sustainable building by proclaiming BUILT GREEN<sup>®</sup> Day, coinciding with National Environment Week. We use the proclamation to raise awareness of the importance of sustainable building practices, profile those setting an example by encouraging these practices, and to challenge municipalities across the country to encourage green building. Recognizing that climate mitigation strategies are on the agenda with all orders of government, participating in this important initiative is a tangible way of showing your support for sustainability initiatives.

Given the City of Richmond Hill already encourages sustainable building, this is a complementary effort that we trust you would want to support, as a municipality who continues to progress your policies around sustainability. It also helps to acknowledge those in your community that are already incorporating sustainable building practices in the residential building sector, while reflecting on your efforts to support industry.

Meanwhile, 9.36 of the building code is coming, having been adopted by provinces across the country, which will require a minimum energy performance standard for all builders. And a straight-forward way to navigate 9.36 is through the energy portion of Built Green's programs. These are programs that include builder support from industry professionals and that go beyond base-level code for a more holistic approach to sustainable building practices, including Materials & Methods, Indoor Air Quality, Ventilation, Waste Management, Water Conservation, and Business Practices. This means that builders certifying with us are building homes beyond code requirements.

Regulations around sustainable development continue to increase, and Built Green Canada will support your municipality and builders in your community, so they're prepared. Through our third-party home certification programs, we work with industry, helping them to become better builders who are ready to meet these increased requirements—and offering builders a competitive advantage. Our programs offer a means forward for municipalities wanting to address other aspects of sustainable building practices not included in the code, such as water conservation and waste management: other critical components of sustainability. As you know, green building helps protect resources and reduce the load on civic infrastructure such as water, electricity, and waste.

Our programs can contribute to market transformation, offer builders a competitive advantage, and ready them for net-zero energy ready code by 2030 with Built Green's incremental approach offered through four levels of certification—meanwhile, mandatory labelling is coming through the Pan-Canadian Framework on Clean Growth and Climate Change. Our programs can help ready builders in your municipality for success through these changes.

Your proclamation also offers you the opportunity to recognize what homeowners—constituents in your community—want. As you know, the demand for sustainable building continues to increase. Homebuyers and citizens alike increasingly have expectations of private and public institutions around their sustainable practices. In fact, 67% of homebuyers say a high performance home is a "must have". 44% said low-flow toilets are a "must have", while ratings show other water-efficient features to be important to homebuyers as well—in-demand sustainable features go beyond energy efficiency. Moreover, 57% say home certification is a "must have", with an additional 26% who "really want" certification—only 4% feel this isn't important. 2018 Canadian Home Buyer Preference National Study.

We will be issuing a news release across the country, and have included a link to last year's news release: http://builtgreencanada.ca/built-green-canada-issues-fifth-annual-challenge-to-municipalities?id=1456

For convenience, we have included a draft proclamation here, should you choose to participate:

Draft of proclamation:

WHEREAS, the City of Richmond Hill is committed to sustainable growth and responsible stewardship of our natural environment;

AND WHEREAS, Built Green Canada is a national organization that advocates for sustainable environmental practices in the residential building sector;

AND WHEREAS Built Green Canada delivers programs to assist builders in building more sustainably using the latest technologies to create healthier, more efficient, and durable homes;

AND WHEREAS the City of Richmond Hill is dedicated to protecting our natural resources and encouraging sustainable development;

THEREFORE I, MAYOR BARROW, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM JUNE 5, 2019, "BUILT GREEN® DAY" IN RICHMOND HILL, ONTARIO.

Should you require additional information, please do let us know.

We're looking forward to hearing back.

Thanks again.

We offer programs for single family, renovation, and high density. Since our inception, builders have worked with us to complete over 32,750 BUILT GREEN® certified homes represented in Alberta, British Columbia, Saskatchewan, and Ontario—including the units in multi-storey projects, the total is over 36,090. Together, we are leading the way in sustainability performance for residential home construction.

Jenifer Christenson Chief Executive Officer Karen Podolski Communications & Program Coordinator Built Green Canada