



Town of Newmarket Council Information Package

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Note: If a Member of Council wishes to include any of the enclosed documents on a future Council or Committee of the Whole agenda, please email Legislative Services at clerks@newmarket.ca.

General Correspondence Items

There were no correspondence items for this period.

Proclamation and Lighting Requests

Request Name	Type of Request	Proclamation Date	Lighting Date
Children's Grief Awareness Day	Proclamation Request	November 15, 2018	N/A



Thursday October 11, 2018

Mayor Tony Van Bynen
Town of Newmarket
395 Mulock Drive
PO Box 328 Station Main
Newmarket, ON L3Y 4X7

**Benefiting more than
3 million children and families
since 1983.**

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Suzy Yehl Marta

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National Director, Canada
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Honorary Governing Board
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Free the Children

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Juno Nominee

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Governing Board**
Carol Bertram, Chair
Thelma Cockburn
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Chris Hiller
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Nathan Reeve

Dear Mayor Van Bynen:

Grief is a natural human reaction to any important loss. The loss could be as simple as moving from a neighborhood or to a new school, or as complex as a family separation, divorce, or a loved one dying. During the journey through life, there are many turning points or crises that may cause the experience of grief.

Our mission is to provide accessible mental health prevention programs for children and youth experiencing loss whether it be, death, divorce, incarceration, military deployment or any other life altering loss.

We partner with schools, Military Family Resource Centres, Boys & Girls Clubs, YMCAs and other family supported organizations.

Youth are at risk for depression, anxiety, drug abuse, suicide and high risk behaviors to name just a few.

Testimonials from children who have participated in the Rainbows program.

I get to share my feeling about divorce, death and loss.

Boy Age 10

Rainbows can help me adapt to my change and teach me how to deal with it.

Girl Age 10

It helps me get rid of my feelings about when my Dad died.
So it helps me to be happier.

Girl Age 8

To date Rainbows Canada is in 600 communities and has served 162,019 children and youth nationally. Local, provincial and federal election officials have committed in showing their support by proclaiming this day. This year we are proclaiming Children's Grief Awareness Day on Thursday, November 15, 2018 across Canada. We are asking for your support on this day. You can go to www.ChildrensGriefAwarenessDay.org for your review.

Mayor Van Bynen we are asking that you make a formal proclamation on recognizing this day. With your efforts we can make a difference in a child's life.

Sincerely,

Brenda Cockburn
Director of Communications