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Please see the proclamation request below for your attention. Thank you.

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To: Mayor Van Bynen
Subject: Social Work Week 2015

Dear Mayor Van Bynen,

We are writing to request that you proclaim March 2-8, 2015 as **Social Work Week** in the Town of Newmarket.

The theme for Social Work Week 2015 is **Social Workers: Mobilizing Strengths in Individuals & Communities**. Social workers across Ontario will be celebrating the role and contribution of the profession by hosting a wide variety of events during the first week of March.

This year's theme was selected to highlight the significant role that social workers play in helping people improve the quality of their lives and achieve their goals. Dr. Betsy Clark, the former Executive Director of the National Association of Social Workers observed that: "The foundation for growth and change in any individual, family or community is existing strengths. Understanding and utilizing these strengths are essential to improving the emotional health and well-being of society. Social workers look for inherent strengths that can be used as a starting point for future growth."

Few professions match social work for the wide variety of settings in which they work and the range of services they provide. Social workers work as front-line practitioners, clinicians, managers, supervisors, and administrators. They are also therapists, educators, and researchers. They work at all levels of government and some hold political office.

Social Work Week provides an opportunity each year for social workers to promote and celebrate their profession and the life-changing work that they champion in the Town of Newmarket and communities throughout the province.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

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