

March 3, 2025

The Honourable Mayor Steven Del Duca

City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1
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Re: Celebrating 150 Years of SickKids: Request to Display Milestone Balloon at Vaughan City Hall

Dear Mayor Del Duca,

I am writing to share exciting news from The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) as we approach a monumental milestone – our 150th anniversary this spring. To mark this special occasion, we are organizing an extensive celebratory awareness campaign, including two key events: the official launch on April 3, 2025, which commemorates the first-ever patient at SickKids in 1875, and a community-wide celebration on June 7, 2025, at Nathan Phillips Square.

As part of our anniversary celebrations, we are creating 150 balloon sculptures, each one representing a significant achievement, milestone, or special moment from SickKids' history. These sculptures will be displayed across the community, and we are reaching out to various civic partners, organizations, and landmarks that share in our pride and commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

Given that SickKids' Boomerang Health clinic (located at 9401 Jane Street, Suite 211, Maple, Ontario, L6A 4H9) has been providing care to the Vaughan community since 2013, we would be honored to have one of these milestone balloons displayed at City Hall, ideally indoors at a location of your choosing. Below you will find a mock-up of the balloon sculpture design.

We are hoping to confirm all participating locations by early March, if possible. Ideally, the balloon would be displayed sometime between April and June, with the first placement on April 3, 2025, marking our launch event. Your involvement in this initiative would mean a great deal to us, as we celebrate this incredible 150-year journey and the children and families we serve.



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Thank you for your time and consideration. We are deeply grateful for your support, and we look forward to celebrating this momentous occasion with the City of Vaughan.

Sincerely,

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