

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Item 22, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 17, 2015.

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SUPPORTING ONEMATCH STEM CELL AND MARROW NETWORK

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution submitted by Councillor Carella, dated February 3, 2015:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Tony Carella

Whereas stem cell transplants are a means of successfully treating a variety of serious medical disorders---including blood-related diseases such as leukemia, aplastic anemia, and inherited immune system and metabolic disorders; and

Whereas OneMatch is a Canadian program which coordinates the collection and matches stem cells from potential donors, to help save the lives of patients anywhere in the world who need a stem cell transplant; and

Whereas OneMatch replaces attempts to find a donor to match a particular patient, by entering into a single database information on thousands of potential matches, making the entire process much more comprehensive, efficient and productive; and

Whereas OneMatch has expressed an interest in collecting stem cell information in Vaughan, given the ethnic diversity of the population and a large number of people within the optimum age range (17 to 35 years) who are in generally good health; and

Whereas collection is a short and simple process involving a buccal (cheek) swab;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That Council authorize staff to process a permit at no cost for an appropriate meeting room at Al Palladini Community Centre from 3 pm to 6 pm, on Sunday, February 22, 2015, to permit the collection of swabs by OneMatch staff and volunteers; and

That information about this event be disseminated by the Corporate Communications Department, through the normal channels, without incurring any additional costs to the municipality.