

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2013

Item 2, Report No. 9, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 26, 2013:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2013 be proclaimed as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City’s website under “Events – Proclamations” and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence from the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation received February 8, 2013 is attached. (Attachment 1)

Lyme Disease is an illness caused by a bacterial infection spread through the bite of an infected black-legged tick. The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation is requesting the proclamation in order to raise awareness, support newly diagnosed patients who have contracted the disease and increase the level of preventative measures to reduce the risk of exposure. Council has granted this proclamation in the past.

The proclamation request meets the City’s Proclamation Policy, as follows:

“That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act”. The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation is a registered charity”.

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020 plan:

Service Excellence

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

Regional Implications

This report supports the promotion of awareness throughout the Region about Lyme Disease.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 2013 be proclaimed as “Lyme Disease Awareness Month” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, received February 8, 2013

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)