

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018**

Item 11, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 20, 2018.

#### **11            PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST                  WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Clerk and Manager, Administrative Services, dated March 6, 2018:

##### **Purpose**

Staff is recommending that April 2, 2018 be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”, that the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign on April 3, 2018, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

##### **Recommendations**

1. That April 2, 2018 be proclaimed as World Autism Awareness Day;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign on April 3, 2018; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

##### **Report Highlights**

- Respond to a request from the Chapter Manager of Autism Ontario
- Proclamation Request for April 2, and Flag raising ceremony requested for April 3

##### **Background**

Correspondence was received from the Chapter Manager of Autism Ontario, on February 26, 2018.

This request was previously granted by Council.

##### **Previous Reports/Authority**

Item 22, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole - PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

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#### **Analysis and Options**

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the municipality of the City of Vaughan will fly at the Civic Centre the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, ethnic group or its representatives".

Autism Ontario acts as a prevalent source of information on autism, and provides a voice for the autism community in Ontario. Autism is now the fastest growing and most commonly diagnosed neurological disorder in Canada. Autism Ontario works to promote awareness of this disorder so that each person diagnosed is able to achieve the fullest quality of life possible.

#### **Financial Impact**

Not Applicable

#### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not Applicable

#### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that April 2, 2018 be proclaimed as World Autism Awareness Day, that the City of Vaughan participate in the flag raising ceremony on April 3, 2018 and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

**For more information**, please contact: Todd Coles, Deputy City Clerk & Manager, Administrative Services

#### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from the Chapter Manager, Autism Ontario (York Region) dated February 21, 2018.

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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.)