

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Item 22, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 21, 2017.

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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 City Clerk, dated March 7, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That April 3, 2017 be proclaimed as World Autism Awareness Day;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

No direct contribution.

Economic Impact

No direct impact.

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Council – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Chapter Manager of Autism Ontario.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from the Chapter Manager of Autism Ontario in the Office of the City Clerk on February 23, 2017.

The proclamation request meets the requirements of 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"

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.

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Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map.

- Continue to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens

Regional Implications

Autism Ontario provides support services for individuals and families living with autism across the Regional Municipality of York.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 3, 2017 be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”, that the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Chapter Manager, Autism Ontario

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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.)