

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016

Item 17, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 22, 2016, as follows:

By receiving Communication C1, from Ms. Carolyn Lance, Clerk's Division, Town of Georgina, Civic Centre Road, Keswick, dated March 3, 2016.

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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 1, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That April 4, 2016 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

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

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 Autism Ontario.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from Autism Ontario in the Office of the City Clerk on February 2, 2016.

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. In Canada, there are currently 1 in 94 children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder. 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

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 4, 2016 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 Autism Ontario

Report prepared by:

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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.)