

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 24, 2015**

Item 9, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 24, 2015.

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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 3, 2015:

##### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That April 2, 2015 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 Raise the Flag Committee, Autism Ontario.

##### **Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from Raise the Flag Committee, Autism Ontario, dated January 21, 2015 is attached (Attachment 1).

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"

Autism Ontario established in 1973 is the leading source of information on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Autism Ontario provides support, information and opportunities for over 100,000 people living with this disorder. Participating in the 2015 "Raise the Flag" campaign will increase public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), a common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children.

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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 autism.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that April 2, 2015 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 on the City Page Online

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the Raise the Flag Committee, Autism Ontario dated January 21, 2015

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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.)