

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 18, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
MS AWARENESS DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 4, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That May 9, 2017 be proclaimed as MS Awareness Day;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in the MS Awareness Campaign with a flag raising ceremony on May 9, 2017; 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 York Region MS Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence from the York Region MS Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada was forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk by the Mayor's Office on March 9, 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"

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Multiple Sclerosis (MS) currently affects hundreds of people in York Region alone. The York Region MS Chapter has requested a proclamation and flag raising ceremony at the City of Vaughan to help raise awareness about the disease. Higher awareness would promote increased involvement of York Region citizens in the fundraising process, which in turn would allow the organization to give more funding to members. Council has previously granted this request.

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

No direct implications

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 9, 2017 be proclaimed as “MS Awareness Day”, that the City of Vaughan participate in the MS Awareness Campaign with a flag raising ceremony, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Attachment

1. Correspondence from the York Region MS Chapter of the Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada

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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.)