

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 20, 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 2017 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager of Public Works, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, Director of Infrastructure Delivery, Director of Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning and Director of Fleet Management Services, dated April 4, 2017, be approved; and
- 2) That the presentation by the Deputy City Manager of Public Works be received.

#### **Recommendation**

The Deputy City Manager of Public Works, Director of Environmental Services, Director of Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations, Director of Infrastructure Delivery, Director of Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning and Director of Fleet Management Services recommend:

1. That Council proclaim the period of May 21 - 27, 2017, as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the National Public Works Week flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall for the period of May 23 – May 27, 2017 to commemorate National Public Works Week in the City of Vaughan; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on City Page Online.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

Public Works functions contribute to community sustainability as many of the planned activities promote sustainable best practices in areas such as waste management and water conservation. This aligns with goal area five within *Green Directions Vaughan*, our Community and Environmental Master Plan, in which the City strives to be leaders in education on sustainability issues.

#### **Economic Impact**

There are no economic impacts with the adoption of this report.

#### **Communications Plan**

The National Public Works Week Event is being held on Saturday, May 27, 2017, and will be advertised on the City’s website, E-newsletters, My Waste app, TV’s at City Hall/JOC/Community Centres, Snapd and York Region events calendars, on mobile signs and electronic signs throughout the City. In addition, a media release will be issued.

#### **Purpose**

To request that Council proclaim the period of May 21 - 27, 2017, as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Vaughan, and to present an overview of the City’s National Public Works Week event to be held at the Joint Operations Centre on Saturday, May 27, 2017.

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

##### **History of National Public Works Week**

In 1960, the American Public Works Association started a public information campaign to make the general public more aware of the work Public Works Departments did, as well as promote the “often-unsung heroes” of our society, the professionals who serve the public every day with quiet dedication.

Since its beginning, agencies, municipalities, and regions have used this week to educate and inform the public about the essential role that public works plays in the quality of their community life. Equally important are promoting the choice of Public Works as a career choice for the work force of the future, and recognizing those who currently serve in these crucial public roles.

##### **The Theme for 2017 National Public Works Week is “Public Works Connects Us”**

This year’s theme is “Public Works Connects Us” in recognition of the 57th Anniversary of National Public Works Week. Public Works staff promote and support service excellence through the many services they provide, such as:

- safe and clean drinking water
- effective wastewater
- stormwater management
- solid waste management services
- snow plowing
- safe and clean parks and fields
- maintain urban forest
- beautify the City with hanging baskets, flower beds and urns
- traffic services
- capital project programming, design, review, tendering, construction, inspection & asset management of the City’s linear and vertical infrastructure

##### **Vaughan Celebrates National Public Works Week on May 27, 2017**

On Saturday May 27, 2017, the Public Works Portfolio will host a National Public Works Week Day, with its annual “Public Works Week” event at the Joint Operations Centre located at 2800 Rutherford Rd. This event will provide a public forum to educate, and receive feedback from residents about various Public Works services; from parks and forestry, to road maintenance, water distribution, wastewater collection, and solid waste management initiatives. It will be held at the north-east employee parking lot (rain or shine) from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The event itself will be multi-faceted, and as a result, has the potential to draw a number of people. The event includes:

- The promotion of the City’s Waste Management Program, and the sale of blue boxes, green bins, in-house kitchen containers and backyard composters and exchange of city purchased broken blue boxes, green bins or kitchen containers (City of Vaughan – Environmental Services Department)
- The promotion of Kraft paper bags for leaf and yard waste material (City of Vaughan – Environmental Services Department)
- Displays about Water Quality & Roads Maintenance (City of Vaughan – Environmental Services and Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operations Department)
- GIS and Survey displays (City of Vaughan –Infrastructure Delivery Department)

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- The Mulch Give-Away (City of Vaughan – Transportation Services, Parks and Forestry Operation Department)
- Promotion and education of other City initiatives related to Public Works (Bylaw Enforcement, Animal Services, Development Planning Division, Economic Development and Recreation)
- Emergency Preparedness information (City of Vaughan - Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services, and York Regional Police)
- Water for Tomorrow and Waste Management (The Region of York)
- Document Shredding Services
- Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (Safety for utility digging)
- Electronic Recycling
- Waste collection vehicle display (Miller Waste Systems)

#### **Vaughan Staff to Participate in “York Region Area Municipality Challenge”**

In addition to Public Works Day, the City's Public Works Portfolio will be participating in the 'York Region Area Municipalities Challenge'. This event showcases the talents of staff from the area municipalities in terms of equipment operation and water main repair and service installation activities. As part of the event, the Mayors of the area municipalities also compete against each other, driving trucks and/or other equipment through an obstacle course. This event takes place on Wednesday, May 24 at the Town of Richmond Hill's facility on Elgin Mills Road.

City staff will be setting up displays and information materials throughout the week at City Hall, and the local Community Centres.

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

Participation in National Public Works Week supports the Council Service Excellence Strategy Map; with the Citizen Experience and Service Delivery, and will continue to cultivate an environmentally sustainable City.

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

#### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that May 21 – 27, 2017 be proclaimed as National Public Works Week, that the National Public Works week flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on May 23 to May 27, 2017, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

National Public Works Week provides a venue by which municipalities across North America can inform, educate, and in some cases, give back to the public, initiatives undertaken by Public Works.

To date, the National Public Works Week Events have been well attended. As such, it is important to build on previous year's successes, and use this as another opportunity to promote not only the National Public Works Week theme, but also promote the City's environmental initiatives as well.

#### **Attachments**

N/A

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