

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 11, 2018

Item 17, Report No. 14, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 11, 2018.

17 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Clerk and Manager, Administrative Services, dated April 4, 2018:

Purpose

Staff is recommending that May 8, 2018 be proclaimed as “Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Awareness Day”, that the City of Vaughan participate in the MS Awareness Campaign by raising the MS flag on May 8, 2018 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request from the York Region MS Chapter, received on March 6, 2018
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested for May 8, 2018

Recommendations

1. That May 8, 2018 be proclaimed as MS Awareness Day;
2. That the City of Vaughan participate in the MS Awareness Campaign by raising the MS flag on May 8, 2018 for the balance of the day; and,
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City Page Online.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Director of Client Services/Membership of the York Region MS Chapter on March 6, 2018 requesting a proclamation and flag raising.

This request was previously granted by Council, most recently in 2017.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Item 18, Report No. 13 of the Committee of the Whole - Proclamation and Flag Raising Request MS Awareness Day](#)

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Analysis and Options

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns, or other similar matters: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdictions or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

"Flags of non-partisan, non-profit, charitable organizations shall be flown at the City of Vaughan Civic Centre upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance on the understanding that the individual flag will not be flown for a period longer than one week".

The York Region MS Chapter services hundreds of members with financial and equipment subsidies each month. Creating awareness of MS will help to increase funding to members as well as increase the involvement of York Region citizens in helping fundraising efforts, which is the intended goal of the proclamation and flag raising event.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The York Region MS Chapter services the entire Regional Municipality of York.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 8, 2018 be proclaimed as MS Awareness Day, that the City of Vaughan participate in the MS Awareness Campaign by raising the MS flag on May 8, 2018 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, Deputy City Clerk & Manager, Administrative Services.

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Attachments

1. Correspondence from the Director of Client Services/Membership of the York Region MS Chapter, dated March 6, 2018

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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.)