

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015**

Item 22, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 21, 2015.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST**  
**PUBLIC – RAIL SAFETY WEEK**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That this Council not proclaim Rail Safety Week as while we are very supportive and concerned about this issue and while we acknowledge and support the excellent work being done by Operation Lifesaver, it is not possible to proclaim a rail safety week in light of the lack of adequate requirements by the Federal Government to control dangerous goods travelling through the City of Vaughan and other municipalities in Canada;**
- 2) That staff prepare a media release reflecting this recommendation; and**
- 3) That the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 14, 2015, be received.**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That April 27 to May 3, 2015 be proclaimed as “Public – Rail Safety Week”; and
2. 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 the President of Operation Lifesaver, dated February 17, 2015.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the President of Operation Lifesaver, dated February 17, 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:

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- (ii) If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter”.

Operation Lifesaver is a public-private partnership whose mandate is to work with the rail industry, government, police services, media, other agencies and the public to raise safety awareness, educate people about the dangers of highway/railway crossings, enforce provincial and municipal laws and improve railway safety. These four areas of concentration of their Program is aimed at reducing avoidable accidents, injuries and damage caused by collisions at level crossings or incidents involving trains and citizens.

**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**

N/A

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that April 27 to May 3, 2015 be proclaimed as “Public – Rail Safety Week” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the President of Operation Lifesaver, dated February 17, 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.)