

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2016**

Item 2, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2016.

## **2                      PROCLAMATION - 2016 NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of 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, and Director of Infrastructure Delivery, dated April 5, 2016:**

### **Recommendation**

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

1. That Council proclaim the period of May 15 - 21, 2016, as “National Public Works Week” in the City of Vaughan.

### **Contribution to Sustainability**

N/A

### **Economic Impact**

N/A

### **Communications Plan**

The National Public Works Week Event is being held on Saturday, May 14, 2016, and will be advertised on the City’s website, in the Public Works’ Spring newsletter, and 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 15 - 21, 2016, 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 14, 2016.

### **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.

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#### **The Theme for 2016 National Public Works Week is “Always There”**

This year's theme is “Always There” in recognition of the 56th 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 14, 2016**

On Saturday May 14, 2016, 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 (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)
- 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)
- Display on the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre and Transportation Master Plan (Development Engineering and Infrastructure Planning)
- 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 (Iron Mountain)
- Ontario One Call
- Ontario Regional Common Ground Alliance (Safety for utility digging)
- Lion's Club – Electronic Recycling
- Waste collection vehicle display (Miller Waste Systems)

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#### **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 18 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**

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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