

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015

Item 24, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 19, 2015.

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PROCLAMATION REQUEST CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 5, 2015:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That May 3 – 9, 2015 be proclaimed as “Children’s Mental Health Week” in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online; and
3. That Council ratify the action taken.

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 correspondence received from the Chairperson of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, received April 24, 2014.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Chairperson of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, is attached (Attachment 1). This request was received too late to be placed on the last Council meeting agenda. The next Council meeting is on May 19, 2015 and due to the time-sensitivity of the proclamation, we respectfully request that this report be approved and that Council ratify the action taken.

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:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act”

The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families is a children’s mental health agency which provides services across York Region. One in 5 children experiences mental health problems and frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and may become more serious.

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Their goals are to promote and maintain good mental health, increase public awareness, encourage parents to seek help and provide contact information of services available in York Region.

The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families have scheduled a variety of activities during “Children’s Mental Health Week” in order to achieve their goals. Council has previously granted this proclamation request in previous years.

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

This proclamation will raise awareness of children’s mental health issues in York Region.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 3 - 9, 2015 be proclaimed as “Children’s Mental Health 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 Chairperson of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, received April 24, 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.)