

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016**

Item 39, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2016.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 21, 2016:

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That October 2, 2016 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction Day; 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 Co-Founder/Director of Client Services of the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC).

**Background - Analysis and Options**

Correspondence was received from the Co-Founder/Director of Client Services of the AIDWYC on June 2, 2016 (Attachment 1).

The proclamation request meets the requirements of 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 AIDWYC is a national, non-profit organization that is dedicated to identifying, advocating for and assisting individuals convicted of a crime they did not commit. It seeks to prevent such injustices in the future through legal education and reforms to the justice system. Council has previously granted this request.

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

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

- Continue to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens

**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that October 2, 2016 be proclaimed as “Wrongful Conviction Day” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

**Attachment**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC)

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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.)