#### **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

## **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2012**

Item 3, Report No. 33, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 25, 2012.

# PROCLAMATION REQUEST SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 4, 2012:

# Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That October 14, 2012 to October 20, 2012 be proclaimed as "Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness 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

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#### **Economic Impact**

N/A

# **Communications Plan**

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

# **Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the President of the Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care (OMC).

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 Pediatric Oncology Group of Ontario is a registered charity.

The Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care is a non-profit registered charitable organization which represents a wide-range of faith groups in Ontario. Their mandate is to promote and facilitate equal access to adequate and appropriate spiritual care and religious rights for people in government operated/funded institutions and organizations including hospitals, long-term care facilities, mental health centres and correctional facilities. OMC wishes to recognize the value of the dedicated, qualified spiritual and religious providers throughout Canada.

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# **Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the President of the Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care, dated July 3, 2012, is attached. (Attachment 1)

# Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular "Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness".

# **Regional Implications**

N/A

## Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 14, 2012 to October 20, 2012 be proclaimed as "Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

# **Attachments**

Attachment Correspondence from the president of the Ontario Multifaith Council, dated July

3, 2012

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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.)