

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2013**

Item 23, Report No. 35, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 17, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 3, 2013:

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That September 2013 be proclaimed as “Big Brothers Big Sisters Month”, and that Council ratify the action taken; 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 and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, dated August 12, 2013 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:

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

The Big Brothers Big Sisters of York is part of Canada’s leading children’s mentoring organization whose programs are characterized by supportive, caring, positive role model relationships between an adult and child/youth that enhances the self-esteem and self-confidence of children. The organization currently serves over 450 children in York Region in a variety of programs including Go Girls! Healthy Minds Healthy Bodies, In-School Mentoring, Mentoring for Teens, The Club, Activity Nights and Family and Couples Matches.

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**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 report supports the promotion of awareness throughout the Region.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that September 2013 be proclaimed as “Big Brothers Big Sisters Month”, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online. Given that the first meeting of Council after the summer hiatus is scheduled for September 17, 2013, this report recommends that Council ratify the decision of Committee of the Whole at its meeting of September 3, 2013.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the President and CEO of Big Brothers Big Sisters of York, dated August 12, 2013

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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.)