# CITY OF VAUGHAN

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

## 58. PROCLAMATION REQUEST <u>CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK</u> (Addendum 1)

MOVED by Councillor lafrate seconded by Regional Councillor Ferri

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 19, 2016, be approved:

CARRIED

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1. That May 1 7, 2016 be proclaimed as "Children's Mental Health 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

#### **Economic Impact**

N/A

### **Communications Plan**

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#### Purpose

To respond to the request received from Chairperson of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families.

#### **Background - Analysis and Options**

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

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### **Regional Implications**

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### **Attachment**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Chairperson, The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families

### Report prepared by:

Julia Bartolomeo, Secretary to the City Clerk

(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.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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April 1, 2016

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua Vaughan City Hall, Level 100 2141 Major MacKenzie Drive West Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1 RECEIVED APR 0 8 2016 CLERK'S DEPT.

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua,

On behalf of the three children's mental health agencies which provide services in York Region (Blue Hills Child & Family Centre, Kinark Child & Family Services and The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families), I am writing to request that you proclaim May 1-7, 2016 as "Children's Mental Health Week" in the City of Vaughan.

One in 5 children experiences mental health problems. Treatment is effective, however, frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and they may become more serious. Through a variety of activities which are scheduled for Children's Mental Health Week, we are striving to achieve the following four goals:

- Promoting/maintaining good mental health
- Increasing public awareness of children's mental health issues and dispelling the associated stigma
- Encouraging parents to seek help
- Providing contact information for children's mental health services in York Region

We ask that you support us in our quest for optimal mental health for all children by making a proclamation and including the following contact information:

- Blue Hills Child & Family Centre: 905-773-4323 or <u>bluehills@bluehillscentre.ca</u>
- Kinark Child & Family Services: 1-888-454-6275 or www.kinark.on.ca
- The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families: 905-737-8927 or info@thevorkcentre.ca

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities".

If you require additional information, please contact me at 905-851-1672.

Yours truly,

Norean Lee

Noreen Lee, Chairperson The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families







