

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 15, 2016

**173. PROCLAMATION REQUEST
WORLD AIDS DAY**

(Addendum No. 1)

MOVED by Councillor Iafrate
seconded by Councillor Yeung Racco

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated November 15, 2016, be approved:

CARRIED

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That December 1, 2016 be proclaimed as "World AIDS Day"; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page online.

Contribution to Sustainability

No direct contribution.

Economic Impact

No direct impact.

Communications Plan

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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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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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November 2, 2016

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
 City of Vaughan
 2141 Major Mackenzie Dr,
 Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Committee of York Region (ACYR) inviting you to join us in commemorating December 1 as **World AIDS Day**. To this effect, we request you to:

- Join us for a **World AIDS Day public event** on Thursday, December 1 (invitation enclosed).
- Issue a statement from your office in support of December 1 as **World AIDS Day**.
- Share a photo of you wearing the enclosed red ribbon for our social media campaign **Red for Change: Wear It, Hold It, Show It**. We will widely share this photo on our Facebook page and Twitter feeds during World AIDS Awareness Week (November 23-30) heading up to and on World AIDS Day. This will showcase your solidarity with people living with this chronic illness in your constituency.

Held on December 1 each year, World AIDS Day provides an opportunity for people worldwide to unite and show their support for people living with HIV/AIDS, to commemorate those who have passed away, and to eliminate stigma and discrimination by raising awareness about HIV/AIDS.

Anyone can be affected by HIV/AIDS regardless of religion, age, class, race, culture or sexual orientation. It is estimated that more than 30,000 people in Ontario are living with HIV and York Region is home of over 400 people living with and impacted by HIV.

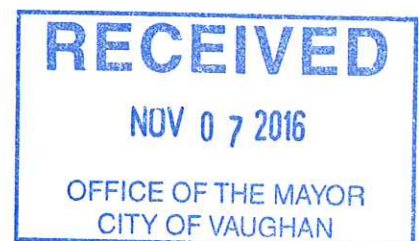
ACYR is the only local non-profit organization that provides life changing supports to people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS. We offer innovative programs, educate our community, and advocate for those impacted by HIV/AIDS to help them come out of the margins and reclaim their role as engaged and valued members of our community.

Your exceptional stewardship of various causes has left a great imprint on our work in the community. Your participation in World AIDS Day activities in York Region will help to enhance our awareness efforts on behalf of all persons throughout your community living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. We are finalizing our program and launching our social media campaign, so I would appreciate your kind and prompt response.

Sincerely,

Vibhuti Mehra, Executive Director





WORLD AIDS DAY 2016

PLEDGE TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT & CARE IN YORK REGION

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2016, 6 – 8 PM

**MARKHAM VILLAGE COMMUNITY CENTRE & LIBRARY
6031 HIGHWAY 7, MARKHAM ONTARIO L3P 3A7**

2016 marks the 20th year since the transformative antiretroviral therapy to treat HIV was introduced. Treatment advances over the years have changed the course of HIV/AIDS care. People impacted by the virus can now lead long and healthy lives. But they need access to timely and regular HIV treatment. And they need access to dignified care and support.

2016 also marks the 20th year since the AIDS Committee of York Region (ACYR) became formally incorporated as the only registered charitable organization dedicated to the delivery of dignified support and care to those living with and affected by HIV/AIDS in this region. We have made great strides in challenging HIV stigma and discrimination and opened many doors. But much remains to be done to make our communities, agencies, and networks of care become truly inclusive and stigma-free.

This World AIDS Day, we ask our community members, partners, supporters, and friends to pledge to build a community of support and care for those impacted by HIV/AIDS in York Region. **Join us on December 1 to sign The Ontario Accord, a commitment to GIPA/MIPA (Greater & Meaningful Involvement of People Living with HIV/AIDS) in our communities of practice.** Together, we can build an inclusive, safe, and healthy community in York Region.

- **Speakers from Toronto People With AIDS Foundation & Ontario AIDS Network**
 - Poetry reading & musical performance
 - Art display by ACYR service users
 - Signing of The Ontario Accord
 - Candlelight vigil
- **Light snacks & refreshments will be served**

**Please RSVP by Monday, November 21, 2016
mkoning@acyr.org or 416-553-5650**



MARKHAM PUBLIC LIBRARY

We thank the Markham Village Public Library for their generous sponsorship of this event.