

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 17, 2015

**156. PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
WORLD AIDS DAY**

(Addendum 1)

MOVED by Councillor Yeung Racco  
seconded by Councillor DeFrancesca

That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated November 17, 2015, be approved:

CARRIED

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

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**Contribution to Sustainability**

N/A

**Economic Impact**

N/A

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**Regional Implications**

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**Attachments**

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**Report prepared by:**

Julia Bartolomeo, Administrative Assistant 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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October 28, 2015

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City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Your Honour,

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:

- 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.
- Participate in our **World AIDS Day vigil** on Tuesday, December 1 (invitation enclosed).

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 27,000 people in Ontario are living with HIV. In York Region, there are over 400 people who are aware of their status living with HIV. However, many people remain unaware of their HIV status (almost 25 percent nationwide) because they have never been tested.

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