

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2017**

Item 19, Report No. 2, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 24, 2017.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
EATING DISORDERS AWARENESS WEEK**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated January 17, 2017:**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That February 1 – 7, 2017 be proclaimed as Eating Disorders Awareness Week; 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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**Purpose**

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**Background - Analysis and Options**

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**Conclusion**

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**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Administrative Coordinator, Riverwalk Eating Disorders and Wellness Centres

**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,

Jeffrey A. Abrams



Eating Disorders of York Region's  
**Riverwalk Eating Disorders  
and Wellness Centres**



October 20, 2016

Council of City of Vaughan  
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Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

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**CLERK'S DEPT.**

Dear Council of the City of Vaughan,

Please accept this letter in support of a proclamation for Eating Disorders Awareness Week, which occurs February 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> of each year.

Raising awareness concerning the health amplifications of eating disorders and lessening stigma are priorities for Eating Disorders Awareness Week. Individuals and families need to be aware that eating disorders are serious mental health issues that affect thousands of Canadians.

Eating disorders are stigmatized, misunderstood and have the highest mortality rate of any other mental health illness.<sup>1</sup> Despite the risks and mortality rate, only 1 in 10 men and women with eating disorders receive treatment and only 35% of people that receive treatment do so at a specialized facility for eating disorders.<sup>2</sup>

As a community based, non-profit organization which has, for over ten years, been providing support and services for individuals and families affected by eating disorders, we respectfully request a proclamation to declare February 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 Eating Disorders Awareness Week to help raise awareness of this silent but deadly disorder.

Sincerely,

Natalia Ivoronovitch  
Administrative Coordinator

<sup>1</sup> American Journal of Psychiatry, Vol. 152 (7), July 1995, p. 1073-1074, Sullivan, Patrick F.

<sup>2</sup> Characteristics and Treatment of Patients with Chronic Eating Disorders, by Dr. Greta Noordenbox, International Journal of Eating Disorders, Volume 10: 15-29, 2002.