

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 16, 2016

Item 16, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 16, 2016.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
SOCIAL WORK WEEK**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 2, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That March 7 – 13, 2016 be proclaimed as Social Work Week;
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

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Background - Analysis and Options

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The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

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If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter. "

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Attachments

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Manager, Ontario Association of Social Workers (OASW)
Central Ontario Branch

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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Respectfully submitted,

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From: OASW Central Ontario Branch [<mailto:oaswcentral@bellnet.ca>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 19, 2016 4:21 PM
To: Bevilacqua, Maurizio
Subject: Social Work Week 2016

RECEIVED
JAN 25 2016
CLERK'S DEPT.

Dear Mayor Bevilacqua,

We are writing to request that you proclaim March 7-13, 2016 as **Social Work Week** in the City of Vaughan.

Few professions match social work for the wide variety of settings in which they work and the range of services they provide. Social workers work as front-line practitioners, clinicians, managers, supervisors, and administrators. They are also therapists, educators, and researchers. They work at all levels of government and some hold political office.

The theme for Social Work Week 2016 is ***Social Workers Help Turn Issues Into Answers***. This year's theme was selected to highlight the significant role that social workers play in helping people improve the quality of their lives and achieve their goals. The profession's unique education, understanding of systems, grounding in the social determinants of health and strengths-based approach ideally position social workers to assist members of the public in finding answers to issues they want to resolve.

Social Work Week provides an opportunity each year for social workers to promote and celebrate their profession and the life-changing work that they champion in the City of Vaughan and communities throughout the province.

Thank you very much for your continued support. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Tracey Nesbitt

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