

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 18, 2014**

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**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 4, 2014:**

The City Clerk recommends:

- ## Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

## N/A

## Communications Plan

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## Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Fundraising Coordinator, Autism Ontario.

## Background - Analysis and Options

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**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

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**Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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Service Excellence

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

**Regional Implications**

This report supports the promotion of awareness throughout the Region about autism.

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that April 2, 2014 be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”, that the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag Campaign”, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and on the City Page Online

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the Fundraising Coordinator, Autism Ontario dated November 27, 2013

**Report prepared by**

Connie Bonsignore, 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.)

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – FEBRUARY 4, 2014**

### **PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

#### **Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 2, 2014 be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”;
- 2) That the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign; and
- 3) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

#### **Contribution to Sustainability**

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#### **Economic Impact**

N/A

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Autism Ontario established in 1973 provides support, information and opportunities for many families. Their mandate is to educate, support research, raise public awareness and advocate for programs and services for the autism community. Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) is the most commonly recognized neurological disorder that affects 1 in every 94 children in Ontario.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk

November 27, 2013

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**Attachment 1**

Dear Jeffrey Abrams,

April 2, 2014, marks a historic day in Canada for the autism community. For the second year, Canadians will officially recognize World Autism Awareness Day.

As a means of increasing public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families, Autism Ontario is inviting municipalities across the province to raise awareness of ASD by participating in our 2014 "Raise the Flag" campaign.

By officially proclaiming April 2, 2014 as World Autism Awareness Day and participating in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign, your message to the people and families affected by ASD living in your community and province-wide is loud and clear that their struggles matter to all Ontarians.

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community in Ontario. Today, 1 in 94 children are diagnosed with autism in Canada. Through improved public awareness, Autism Ontario strives to increase opportunities and acceptance for over 100 000 people living with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Ontario, ensuring that each person with ASD is provided the means to achieve quality of life as a respected member of society.

If your community is interested in supporting autism awareness by participating in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on April 2, 2014, please register your municipality at [www.raisetheflagforautism.com](http://www.raisetheflagforautism.com) or email us at [Natasha@autismontario.com](mailto:Natasha@autismontario.com)

For questions regarding participation, please contact Autism Ontario at 1-800-472-7789 and ask to speak with Natasha Bowes (x233) or Shane Cunningham (x223).

Sincerely,

Natasha Bowes  
Fundraising Coordinator

