

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2013

Item 18, Report No. 9, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
PARKINSON AWARENESS MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated February 26, 2013, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Peter Pallotta, Maria Antonia Road, Woodbridge, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That April 2013 be proclaimed as "Parkinson Awareness Month"; and
- 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 City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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Attachments

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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 26, 2013

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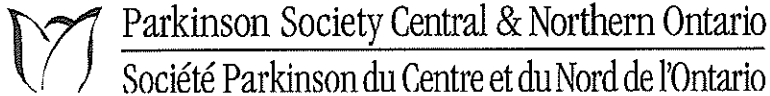
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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



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February 19, 2013
Jeffrey A. Abrams, B.A., L.L.B.
City Clerk
City Of Vaughan
Clerk's Department
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, Ontario L6A 1T1

Dear Jeffrey A. Abrams,

We are writing to request April to be proclaimed as Parkinson Awareness Month and would sincerely appreciate if this can be included for consideration in the agenda for the council meeting on Tuesday, February 26, 2013.

Over 100,000 Canadians live with Parkinson disease, a neurodegenerative disorder and April serves as an opportunity to spread awareness and for the public to know just how difficult it is when your body turns against you.

Whether it is walking, eating, or getting dressed, everything takes more time, more planning and more frustration. This debilitating disease robs individuals of their careers. It takes away their freedom. It deprives them of their dignity and turns their family life upside down.

With your help, we can be one step closer to making a better life and a brighter future for Canadians living with Parkinson's today – a world without Parkinson's tomorrow.

To find out more about Parkinson's disease or Parkinson Society Central & Northern Ontario, call 1-800-565-3000 or visit <http://www.parkinsoncno.ca>.

Sincerely,

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