

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016

Item 17, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 22, 2016, as follows:

By receiving Communication C1, from Ms. Carolyn Lance, Clerk's Division, Town of Georgina, Civic Centre Road, Keswick, dated March 3, 2016.

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

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated March 1, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That April 4, 2016 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

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Council – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from Autism Ontario.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from Autism Ontario in the Office of the City Clerk on February 2, 2016.

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

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Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

- Continue to ensure the safety and well-being of citizens

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 4, 2016 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 the City Page Online.

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Autism Ontario

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.)

RECEIVED

MAR 03 2016

Bartolomeo, Julia

From: Carolyn Lance <clance@georgina.ca>
Sent: March-03-16 11:35 AM
To: Andrew Brouwer; Denis Kelly; Fernando Lamanna; Abrams, Jeffrey; Kathryn Smyth; Kimberley Kitteringham; Michele Kennedy; Richmond Hill; Stephen Huycke
Subject: proclamation, World Autism Awareness Day
Attachments: I. Disposition; Autism Ontario.pdf

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Communication

COUNCIL: Mar 22/16

CW Rpt. No. 12 Item 17

Good morning.

Please be advised that Town Council at its meeting held on March 2nd proclaimed Saturday, April 2nd, 2016 as "World Autism Awareness Day" throughout the Town of Georgina to increase public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families. The Autism flag will be flown on the Civic Centre Grounds on Monday, April 4th, as April 2nd is a Saturday.

Council requested that staff advise the other York Region municipalities of this proclamation. I have attached the correspondence from Autism Ontario for your information.

Thank you for your time.

Carolyn Lance

Council Services Coordinator

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January 22, 2016

Dear Town of Georgina,
Town of Georgina
Clerk's Office, 26557 Civic Centre Road, R.R. #1,
Keswick ON L4P 3G1

RECEIVED FEB 02 2016

Re: Invitation to participate in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April 4th 2016** in celebration of World Autism Awareness Day.

Dear Sir / Madam,

April 2, 2016, will mark a historic day in Canada for the autism community. For the fourth year, Canadians will officially recognize World Autism Awareness Day.

To formally acknowledge the day, Autism Ontario is inviting all municipalities to proclaim April 2, 2016 as World Autism Awareness Day and **raise Autism Ontario's Flag on Monday, April 4th, 2016 due to weekend office closures on the official day.**

By participating in our 2016 "Raise the Flag" campaign, you are increasing public awareness about Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), and the day-to-day issues faced by people with autism and their families.

If your community is interested in supporting autism awareness by participating in Autism Ontario's "Raise the Flag" campaign on **April 4, 2016**, please return the attached RSVP form by mail on or before March 11, 2016.

Last year we requested that municipalities keep the flag for future use. We have a limited number of flags available for those who require one; please make note when completing the RSVP form if you require one.

The March 11, 2016 registration deadline will allow us to mail out flags to those who need it, and to advertise through our communication channels that your municipality will be participating. We recognize municipalities have a formal approval process for recognizing charitable proclamations and flag raisings, and may not be able to register by the deadline. If this is the case we still invite you to proclaim the day and raise a flag, if you have one. Please notify us of your participation by emailing rtf@autismontario.com.



Please visit www.raisetheflagforautism.com in the coming weeks to access new engaging resources and to share your stories of inclusion!

For questions regarding participation, please contact the Raise the Flag committee at 416-246-9592 or at rtf@autismontario.com.

Sincerely,

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PROCLAMATION

I, (name of Mayor or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim

April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day

WHERE AS:	World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2 nd , 2016, in Canada thanks to Liberal Senator Jim Munson's Bill S-206, <i>An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day</i> ; and
WHERE AS:	Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 100,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is now recognized as the most common neurological disorder affecting 1 in every 94 children, as well as their friends, family and community; and
WHERE AS:	ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each individual as well. A child with ASD will become an adult with ASD; and
WHERE AS:	Autism Ontario (formerly Autism Society Ontario) is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information and opportunities for thousands of families across the province; and
WHERE AS:	Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and
THEREFORE:	I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 nd as World Autism Awareness Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2016

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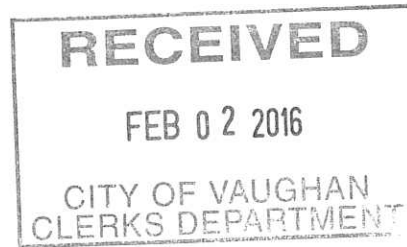
Julia Bartolomeo, Secretary to the City Clerk

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams

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