

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 22, 2016

Item 20, Report No. 12, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 22, 2016.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH AND PURPLE 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:

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2. That March 26, 2016 be proclaimed as “Purple Day”, 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

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Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Executive Director of Epilepsy York Region.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from the Executive Director of Epilepsy York Region in the Office of the Mayor on February 16, 2016, and forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk.

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)

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Regional Implications

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Conclusion

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Attachment

1. Correspondence from Executive Director, Epilepsy York Region

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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February 3, 2016

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Dear Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua,

As Executive Director of Epilepsy York Region, a non-profit organization that provides support, education and advocacy to affected individuals and their families in York Region, I am emailing you regarding recognition of March Awareness and Purple Day in support of epilepsy.

Purple Day is a national effort celebrated on March 26th which is dedicated to increasing awareness about epilepsy worldwide. The campaign is held during the entire month of March and especially on March 26th, inviting people around the world to wear purple and host events in support of epilepsy. Purple Day dispels the myths about epilepsy and helps people living with the disorder to understand that they are not alone.

We would appreciate if the City of Vaughan would proclaim March as Epilepsy Awareness Month, and March 26th as Purple Day and issue a proclamation to that effect.

Yours truly,



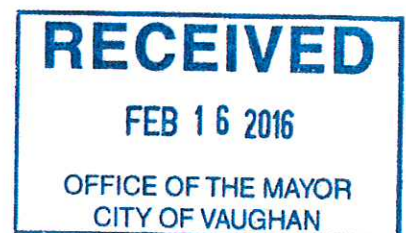
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