

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Item 22, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 21, 2017.

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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 7, 2017:

Recommendation

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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

No direct contribution.

Economic Impact

No direct impact.

Communications Plan

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Background - Analysis and Options

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Regional Implications

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Report prepared by:

Julia Bartolomeo, Supervisor, City Clerk’s Administrative Services

(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,

Barbara A. McEwan
City Clerk



February 23, 2017

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CLERK'S DEPT.

To whom it may concern:

Please find attached the Request for Proclamation for the upcoming World Autism Awareness Day that we will be celebrating on April 2nd, 2017 (to be observed on April 3rd, 2017).

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Members are connected through a volunteer network of Chapters throughout the Province of Ontario.

We are guided by a Board of Directors, composed primarily of parents of individuals with autism, plus a host of volunteers and respected professionals who provide expertise and guidance to the organization on a volunteer basis.

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.

Our York Region Chapter proudly serves the estimated 11,000 individuals living in the Region with autism and their families. We would love to count the City of Vaughan as a community partner that will join us in recognizing World Autism Awareness Day through the attached Proclamation as well as join us in a Flag Raising - to raise the Autism Ontario flag.

Please let us know what additional information you require from us at this time.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Shaw", written in a cursive style.

Sarah Shaw - Chapter Manager
Autism Ontario York Region - 905.780.1590 x101

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Incorporated as Autism Society Ontario
Charitable Registration No. 11924 8789 RR0001

PROCLAMATION

I, Mayor Bevilacqua of the City of Vaughan do hereby proclaim

April 2 as World Autism Awareness Day

WHERE AS:	World Autism Awareness Day will be recognized on April 2 nd , 2017, 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 Bevilacqua, do hereby declare April 2 nd as World Autism Awareness Day.

Dated at Vaughan, Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2017

PROCLAMATION

Je, Mayor Bevilacqua de la ville de Vaughan, proclame, par la présente,
le 2 avril Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme

ATTENDU :	Que la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme sera reconnue officiellement au Canada, le 2 avril 2017, grâce au sénateur libéral Jim Munson qui a présenté et fait adopter le projet de loi S-206 instituant la <i>Loi sur la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme</i> ;
ATTENDU :	Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme affecte plus de 100 000 personnes en Ontario. Qu'il est maintenant admis que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme est le trouble neurologique le plus courant puisqu'il touche un enfant sur 94 ainsi que leurs amis, leurs familles et la collectivité;
ATTENDU :	Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme (TSA) se manifeste différemment chez chaque personne qu'il touche et que ses caractéristiques se modifieront tout au long de la vie de chacun. Autrement dit, qu'un enfant ayant un TSA deviendra un adulte ayant un TSA;
ATTENDU :	Qu'Autisme Ontario (auparavant Autism Society Ontario) est la principale source d'information et de référence sur l'autisme et l'une des plus importantes voix collectives qui représentent la communauté autiste. Que, depuis 1973, Autisme Ontario fournit un soutien, de l'information et des possibilités à exploiter à des milliers de familles, dans l'ensemble de la province;
ATTENDU :	Qu'Autisme Ontario ne ménage aucun effort pour sensibiliser le public aux troubles du spectre de l'autisme et aux difficultés quotidiennes auxquelles sont confrontés les personnes autistes elles-mêmes, leurs familles et les professionnels qui interviennent auprès d'elles. Que l'association et ses sections locales partagent des buts communs d'information et d'éducation, de soutien à la recherche et de revendication de programmes et de services pour la communauté autiste.
POUR CES MOTIFS :	Je, Mayor Bevilacqua, déclare, par la présente, que le 2 avril devient Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme.

Fait à Vaughan, Ontario, ce deuxième jour d'avril 2017.