

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 16, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
HUMAN VALUES DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 4, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That April 24, 2017 be proclaimed as Human Values Day; and
2. 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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No direct implications.

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Attachments

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Report prepared by:

Shari Gouzvaris, 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



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Celebrating 15 Years of Walk For Values and Honouring 150 Years of Canada

What is Walk for Values?

This is a walkathon which was started in the town of Malvern, ON., in 2003 by the Parent Council of the Sathya Sai School of Canada, a private elementary school, registered with the Ontario Ministry of Education. The school's thrust is **Education in Human Values**, where the staff, parents, students and volunteers all focus on *integrating human values* into the regular curriculum.

In 2004, this Walk became a national event being conducted annually in the cities of Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary, and Coquitlam where representatives from Vancouver, Surrey, and Abbotsford join together with the City's Teddy Bear Parade. In 2007, it continued at Dundas Square, in downtown Toronto and in 2007, it also became *international* when it was done in Australia in 5 major cities on a national scale. Today it has spread over 4 continents in 30 major cities across the world. This is **the little Walk that grew** from just over 3000 walkers in Malvern in 2003 to over 5000 participants in 2010 at Yonge-Dundas Square, the heart of downtown Toronto, growing by the end of 2014 to an annual **international event** covering 28 major cities in 4 continents and counting! Since 2013, this Walk is being conducted from the prestigious **Nathan Phillips Square**, at Toronto City Hall.

This Walk is aimed at raising awareness of the importance of practicing **positive values** at helping in the eradication of violence, bullying, drugs, crime, disrespect and greed in our society. The uniqueness of the event is that **it is not a fundraiser**. Rather, each participant resolves to make the community richer **by pledging to practice a value of his or her choice**. In this way, it is a "walk of love" aimed at making our city, one citizen at a time, richer in our commitment to human values as a first step towards raising our social conscience.

Mission Statement

"Walk for Values" is a walk designed to raise awareness of *Human Values* and to promote individual and collective responsibility for the progress of humanity, one step at a time.

Vision Statement

A non-monetary, non-denominational event, this unique initiative, based on the five basic universal human values of Truth, Right Conduct, Peace, Love and Non-violence, is part of a global drive to seed human consciousness with timeless affirmations such as hope, kindness, patience and honesty, along with other positive values deemed integral to the sustenance and survival of mankind.

It calls for an honest self-examination from all its participants who identify areas for personal growth and pledge to practice associated values not only for self-transformation but also collectively for social, environmental and global reformation.

The Objective of the "Walk for Values"

The objective of the "Walk for Values" is to give members of the community, participating organisations and students a clearer understanding of the importance of a values-based life. Basic Human Values of truth, right conduct, peace, love and non-violence have been on the decline in our communities and our nations. We can see this in the daily reports in the newspapers, radio and TV news broadcasts. Guns, violence and drugs have infiltrated our streets, our communities and our families. By doing nothing we contribute to the increase of this decline. As responsible citizens, we simply must do something about it. This WALK is an opportunity to fulfil that responsibility in a positive way by raising the awareness of human values in our community.



Walk for Values

A Walk for me, my family and my community!

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Celebrating 15 Years of Walk For Values and Honouring 150 Years of Canada

The Values we walk for are Values to live by

TRUTH - honesty, integrity, optimism, excellence

RIGHT CONDUCT - courtesy, gratitude, fairplay, perseverance, determination, responsibility, sacrifice, initiative, leadership, courage, duty, ethics

PEACE - contentment, discipline, humility, patience, satisfaction, self-control, self-confidence, self-respect, understanding, modesty

LOVE - caring, compassion, reverence, forgiveness, generosity, kindness, enthusiasm, tolerance, dedication, devotion, unity

NON-VIOLENCE - gentleness, consideration, moderation, cooperation, brotherhood, equality, cultural respect, social justice

Current Locations, touching the 4 A-continentes of America, Australia, Asia and Africa:

Canada: Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Edmonton, Calgary Fort McMurray and Coquitlam.

Australia: Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, Canberra, Perth and Brisbane. **USA:** New York, Austin, Houston, Dallas,

Raleigh, Seattle, Detroit, Ann Arbor, Chicago and Tempe. **India:** Chandigarh, Visakhapatnam New Delhi. **New Zealand:** Auckland. **Malaysia:** Kampala. **Hong Kong:** The city of Hong Kong. **Africa:** Cape Town and Johannesburg.

Event Highlights focusing on the Tenth Anniversary, 2013

- It's not a fund raiser, but an event to promote Human Values and Character Development.
- The only major public event that supports & promotes excellence in Character in communities
- Collection of non-perishable food items - **with goal of 10 tons** - on a **National** basis for the Food Banks across Canada
- Conducting a **National Blood Donation** drive in partnership with CBS
- Collecting new and re-usable **clothing** to be distributed to the needy
- Donated **108 Children's' beds to charity** through the agency of 'Furniture Bank'
- Colorful floats, music bands and participation by other local public schools
- Motivational keynote speakers from the various community organizations
- **"Go Green"** was the theme for 2009 and continues as an underlying goal of all events
- Promotion of family values with fun games and prizes for children
- Leaders from the three levels of Government and other community organisations lead the parade
- Ignite Partner of Pan Am Games
- Alliance Partner for Canada 150

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Naidoo (For Walk for Values, Toronto.)

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Values Without Borders!



PRIME MINISTER • PREMIER MINISTRE

June 19, 2016

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to extend my warmest greetings to everyone taking part in the 14th annual Walk for Values in Toronto.



What started as a community initiative in Malvern in 2003 has grown to an annual event in cities across Canada and around the world. Today, Canadians of all ages and from all backgrounds have taken a pledge to practice a basic human value that will enrich their personal lives and help make the world a better place. As they do so, they will have a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our blessings as a nation and on the values we hold dear: peace, freedom, respect, compassion and diversity.

I would like to commend all those walking today for their commitment to promoting unity and harmony, one step at a time. I would also like to thank the organizer, Sathya Sai School of Canada, for working together with community sponsors and volunteers to make this event such a success.

Please accept my best wishes for a memorable experience.

Sincerely,

The Rt. Hon. Justin P.J. Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada



Premier of Ontario - Première ministre de l'Ontario

June 19, 2016

A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PREMIER

On behalf of the Government of Ontario, I am delighted to extend warm greetings to everyone participating in the 14th Walk for Values.

Since its inception, the dedicated organizers of Walk for Values have inspired participants to make a conscious commitment to adopt one or more of the values of love, peace, truth, non-violence and good conduct. This event does much to raise awareness of the importance of tolerance, respect and understanding among citizens, communities and nations.

I commend everyone taking part in today's walk, as well as the organizers, sponsors and volunteers. Your participation demonstrates your commitment to making positive choices, and inspires others — of all ages and from all backgrounds — to do the same.

Please accept my sincere best wishes for a memorable and inspirational walk.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Kathleen Wynne'.

Kathleen Wynne
Premier

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Walk For Values

A walk for me, my family, and my community!

is proud to celebrate

“Walk For Values Day”

as proclaimed by the Mayors and Members of Council
in the following Canadian municipalities.



City of Edmonton
May 30th, 2015



City of Markham
May 31st, 2015



Town of Oakville
May 31st, 2015



City of Pickering
May 31st, 2015



City of Brampton
June 3rd, 2015



City of Ottawa
June 7th, 2015



City of Toronto
June 11th, 2015



City of Saskatoon
June 15-20th, 2015



City of Oshawa
June 25th, 2015



Town of Ajax
July 9th, 2015



Town of Whitechurch-Stouffville
July 16th, 2015



Cape Breton County
November 23rd, 2015



City of Cornwall
November 23rd, 2015



City of Estevan
November 23rd, 2015



Town of Gananoque
November 23rd, 2015



Town of Goderich
November 23rd, 2015



City of Nanaimo
November 23rd, 2015



Town of Parry Sound
November 23rd, 2015



Municipality of Port Hope
November 23rd, 2015



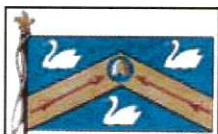
City of Prince Albert
November 23rd, 2015



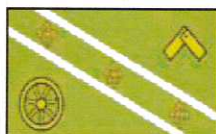
City of Quinte West
November 23rd, 2015



Town of Richmond Hill
November 23rd, 2015



City of Stratford
November 23rd, 2015



City of St. Thomas
November 23rd, 2015



City of Thunder Bay
November 23rd, 2015



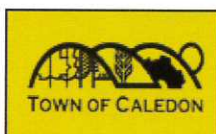
Town of Whitby
November 23rd, 2015



City of Yellowknife
November 23rd, 2015



Town of Aurora
November 26th, 2015



Town of Caledon
November 26th, 2015



City of Orillia
November 26th, 2015

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