

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 21, 2015

Item 40, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 21, 2015.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
MS AWARENESS DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 14, 2015:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That May 5, 2015 be proclaimed as “MS Awareness Day” in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the MS flag be raised on May 5, 2015 for the balance of the day at Vaughan City Hall; 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 Director of Client Services/Membership, Multiple Sclerosis of Canada, York South Chapter.

Background - Analysis and Options

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020 plan:

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Conclusion

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Attachments

Attachment 1 The Director of Client Services/Membership, Multiple Sclerosis of Canada, York South Chapter, received April 7, 2015

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.)

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk



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April 7th, 2015

Re: Proclamation of May 5th MS Awareness Day in Vaughan

Dear Ms. Bonsignore and Mr. Abrams

City Clerk's Office:

I am sending you this letter as per my conversation with Ms. Ciafardoni from the Mayor's office about putting forth a Proclamation to council of making May 5th MS Day in Vaughan. The York Region MS Chapter services hundreds of our members with financial and equipment subsidies each and every month. As you know, York Region is one of Canada's fastest growing regions and every week our membership grows with someone being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. By creating awareness of MS, we will be able to increase our funding to our members and increase the involvement of York Region citizens in helping us fundraise.

In order to achieve this goal, we would like to propose May 5th MS Day where the MS flag will be raised at the Vaughan City Hall. This special event has taken place at Vaughan City Hall for the past few years where Mayor Bevilacqua and council have participated in the MS Flag Raising event. This would boost the MS Campaign in Vaughan and allow us to reach out to more of our members and accomplish our mission. The York Region MS Chapter would greatly appreciate your continued support in the Flag Raising Event.

I look forward in speaking with you on this matter and to designating May 5th MS Awareness Day in Vaughan.

Peter Busciglio
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Director of Client Services/Membership
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