

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2014

Item 1, Report No. 18, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 6, 2014.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
WORLD LUPUS DAY AND LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 29, 2014:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That May 10, 2014 be proclaimed as “World Lupus Day” and October 2014 as “Lupus Awareness Month”; and
2. 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

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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:

Service Excellence

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

Regional Implications

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Conclusion

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Report prepared by

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to 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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February 19, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern:

The international lupus patient community is requesting your assistance in promoting public awareness and advocacy for "the least known major disease – lupus". We have two very important events planned for 2014 which are: **World Lupus Day, May 10th** and the entire month of October which is known, world-wide, as "**October is Lupus Awareness Month**".

Lupus affects more than just the person diagnosed with the disease – it also impacts their family, friends and colleagues. It is widely under-recognized as a global health problem by the public, health professionals and governments which drives the need for greater awareness. Early recognition and a definitive diagnosis help to slow the debilitating effects of this disease. Proper treatment, a healthy diet and lifestyle are essential. Lupus is difficult to diagnose as the symptoms frequently mimic common illnesses. With your help, public awareness and education will save lives.

We are enclosing two Proclamations, for May and October that we ask to be added to your municipal websites for all citizens to access. We know that many are unaware of the signs and symptoms of lupus and it is our hope to make every person aware that their vague health concerns could be lupus.

Our office has been located in Ridgeway for the past forty years. Receiving no funding from any level of government, we depend upon personal and corporate donations to provide our programmes, attend provincial Health Fairs, contribute financially to much-valued research, and distribute literature throughout Ontario to all those who request information.

In the past, we have received amazing support from many communities in Ontario who do read our Proclamations during televised meetings for their viewers, and add the Proclamation to their websites in the designated months. Many have passed resolutions to ask their local MPs and MPPs to assist with lupus funding for research.

We would be honoured to have your support for both of these events. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst

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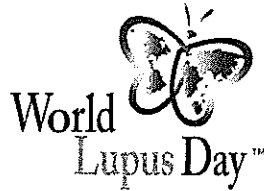
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Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that **10 May 2014** is hereby designated as **World Lupus Day** on which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Proclaimed This Day, 10 May 2014



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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that **October 2014** is hereby designated as “**October is Lupus Awareness Month**” during which lupus organizations around the globe call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programs for health professionals, patients and the public and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Proclaimed this day during October 2014



Lupus Ontario

March 11, 2014

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing on behalf of Lupus Ontario, the largest volunteer organization in Canada that is dedicated to improving the lives of people living with lupus. We are asking that the City of Vaughan declare **May 10th, 2014 as World Lupus Day**, and the **month of October as Lupus Awareness Month** in hopes that you will have the opportunity to also raise and fly our Lupus flag.

I have included the proclamations for May and October and hope that you will also be able to add them to your municipal website.

World Lupus Day, May 10th
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DECLARATION

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- Whereas;** Increased public awareness, education and research are key to winning the battle against lupus; and
- Whereas;** Lupus Ontario is a team of caring and enthusiastic volunteers and staff who are passionately committed to helping those with lupus live longer and better by raising funds that deliver vital support, education, awareness and research

Now, therefore, Let it be proclaimed that **May 10th is World Lupus Day**

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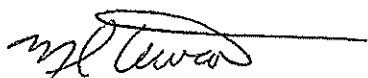
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We appreciate your consideration.
Sincerely,



Michael Stewart
President, Lupus Ontario