

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 6, 2014**

Item 3, 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  
CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK**

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 4 – 10, 2014 be proclaimed as “Children’s Mental Health Week”;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online; and
3. That Council ratify the action taken.

**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**

This proclamation will raise awareness of children’s mental health issues in York Region.

**Conclusion**

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**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the Chairperson of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, dated April 7, 2014

**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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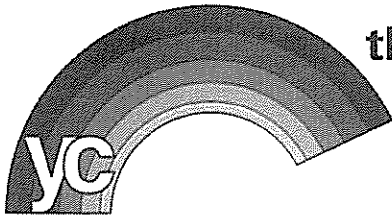
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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk



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April 7, 2014

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major MacKenzie Drive West  
Vaughan, ON  
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Dear Mayor Bevilacqua,

On behalf of The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families, a children's mental health agency which provide services in York Region, I am writing to request that you proclaim May 4 -10, 2014 as "Children's Mental Health Week" in the City of Vaughan.

One in 5 children experiences mental health problems. Treatment is effective, however, frequently these problems are not diagnosed or treated and they may become more serious. Through a variety of activities which are scheduled for Children's Mental Health Week, we are striving to achieve the following four goals:

- Promoting/maintaining good mental health
- Increasing public awareness of children's mental health issues and dispelling the associated stigma
- Encouraging parents to seek help
- Providing contact information for children's mental health services in York Region

We ask that you support us in our quest for optimal mental health for all children by making a proclamation and including the following contact information:

- The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families: 905-887-5896 or [info@theyorkcentre.ca](mailto:info@theyorkcentre.ca)

"Healthy Minds, Healthy Kids, Healthy Communities".

If you require additional information, please contact me at 905-851-1672.

Yours truly,

Noreen Lee, Chairperson  
The York Centre for Children, Youth & Families

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