

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 16, 2017**

Item 11, Report No. 17, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 16, 2017.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
SENIORS' MONTH**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 2, 2017:**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

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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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**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

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**Regional Implications**

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**Conclusion**

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**Attachment**

Attachment      Correspondence from Minister Responsible for Seniors Affairs

**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,

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April, 2017

Dear Mayor or Reeve,

June marks the 33<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Seniors' Month in Ontario. To recognize the important role seniors play in our communities, we will be celebrating this year under the theme of "Living Your Best Life."

During our celebrations in June, we can highlight how our seniors have built our communities and continue to contribute their time and talents in many ways.

It's important we all recognize their achievements, and what better way than by proclaiming June as Seniors' Month in your community. I am asking you to make this proclamation and have attached a sample to make it easier for your municipality to participate. We will also be sending promotional materials for Seniors' Month soon.

I would also like to encourage you to work with your local MPP(s) to host Seniors' Month events in your community. We would be happy to help you promote your event online. Please send your event details to [infoseniors@ontario.ca](mailto:infoseniors@ontario.ca).

Two years ago we introduced our Twitter account to Ontario's seniors and we were impressed by the enthusiastic response to our online campaign. If you haven't already done so, please follow us [@OntSeniors](https://twitter.com/OntSeniors).

For 2017, I encourage you to visit (and like) our new Facebook page: [facebook.com/SeniorsOntario](https://facebook.com/SeniorsOntario), where seniors across Ontario can share information important to them.

Each year, municipalities have the opportunity to pay tribute to one outstanding senior with the Senior of the Year Award. A certificate, provided by the Ontario government, is signed by Her Honour the Honourable Elizabeth Dowdeswell, Lieutenant Governor, myself as Minister of Seniors Affairs, and the local Head of Council.

I encourage you to submit a nomination before April 30, 2017 and during Seniors' Month, showcase how your seniors are making a difference in your community. Throughout the month of June, I hope to visit a number of municipalities to help celebrate the achievement of local seniors.

Finally, for more information on Seniors' Month and other supports for seniors, please visit the Ministry website at [www.ontario.ca/seniors](http://www.ontario.ca/seniors).

Thank you for your consideration, and for honouring how our seniors are living their best lives.

Sincerely,

Dipika Damerla  
Minister of Seniors Affairs

Enclosed: sample proclamation