

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015

Item 11, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 19, 2015.

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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 5, 2015:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That June 2015 be proclaimed as "Seniors' 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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Regional Implications

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Attachments

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the Minister Responsible for Seniors, dated March 17, 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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March 17, 2015

Dear Mayor or Reeve,

In advance of Seniors' Month I am writing to encourage you to proclaim June as Seniors' Month in your community.

June marks the 31st anniversary of Seniors' Month in Ontario. To recognize the important achievements we have made together, and the important role seniors play in our communities, this year's Seniors' Month theme is "Vibrant Seniors, Vibrant Communities." We will be sending you promotional materials for Seniors' Month soon and have attached a sample proclamation for your consideration.

I would also like to encourage you to work with your MPP(s) to host Seniors' Month events in your community.

Please contact us at infoseniors@ontario.ca if you would like to post any events you are planning on the Ontario Seniors' Secretariat website (Ontario.ca/seniors).

Seniors' Month presents a great opportunity to promote the Senior of the Year Award, which is awarded each year by the Government of Ontario through municipalities. I hope to visit a number of participating municipalities over the course of Seniors' Month to recognize the achievements of local seniors.

We also recently celebrated the second anniversary of Ontario's Action Plan for Seniors, a plan that focuses on active aging and improved safety and security for seniors. We've made many strides including expanding the "Finding Your Way Program," in partnership with the Alzheimer Society of Ontario to better reach Ontario's diverse and growing seniors population. The program will offer "safety kits", in four new languages: Arabic, Tagalog, Tamil and Urdu. This builds on the current languages available: English, French, Cantonese, Mandarin and Punjabi, Italian, Spanish and Portuguese. The safety kits are available for download at Findingyourwayontario.ca

For more information on these programs and other supports for seniors, you can visit Ontario.ca/seniors.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mario Sergio".

Mario Sergio
Minister

Enclosure

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Le 17 mars 2015

Chers amis,

Je me permets de vous écrire pour vous inviter à proclamer le mois de juin comme le Mois des personnes âgées dans votre collectivité.

Juin 2015 marque le 31^e anniversaire du Mois des personnes âgées en Ontario. Pour reconnaître les importants progrès que nous avons réalisés ensemble ainsi que le rôle de premier plan des aînés dans nos communautés, le thème retenu cette année est « Aînés actifs, communautés dynamiques ». Nous vous enverrons bientôt du matériel promotionnel conçu pour le Mois des personnes âgées, et nous avons joint à la présente lettre un modèle de proclamation, que vous pourrez considérer.

J'aimerais aussi vous encourager à collaborer avec votre député(e), ou vos députés, pour la tenue d'activités pendant le Mois des personnes âgées dans votre collectivité.

N'hésitez pas à communiquer avec nous à infoseniors@ontario.ca si vous souhaitez annoncer tout événement que vous êtes en train de planifier sur le site Web du Secrétariat aux affaires des personnes âgées de l'Ontario (Ontario.ca/personnesagees).

Le Mois des personnes âgées apporte une excellente occasion de promouvoir le Prix de la personne âgée de l'année, que remet chaque année le gouvernement de l'Ontario par l'intermédiaire des municipalités. J'espère pouvoir visiter de nombreuses municipalités participantes en juin afin de reconnaître les réalisations des aînés de votre collectivité.

De plus, nous avons récemment souligné le deuxième anniversaire du Plan d'action de l'Ontario pour les personnes âgées, un plan axé sur le vieillissement actif ainsi qu'une sécurité accrue pour les aînés. Nous avons réalisé de nombreuses avancées, entre autres l'élargissement du programme Trouvez votre chemin, en partenariat avec la Société Alzheimer de l'Ontario, pour mieux atteindre le groupe diversifié et en pleine croissance que représentent les personnes âgées de l'Ontario. Le programme offrira des « trousse de sécurité » dans quatre autres langues : l'ourdou, le tagalog, le tamoul et l'arabe. Celles-ci s'ajoutent aux langues déjà offertes, soit l'anglais, le français, le cantonais, le mandarin, le punjabi, l'italien, l'espagnol et le portugais. Il est possible de télécharger les trousse de sécurité sur le site www.alzheimer.ca/en/on/Finding-Your-Way-French.

Pour en savoir plus sur ces programmes et d'autres mesures de soutien aux personnes âgées, prière de consulter Ontario.ca/personnesagees.

Je vous remercie.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Mario Sergio'.

Mario Sergio
Ministre

Pièce jointe

Seniors' Month Proclamation

**Seniors' Month
June 1 – 30, 2015**

WHEREAS *Seniors' Month* is an annual province-wide celebration;

WHEREAS seniors have contributed and continue to contribute immensely to the life and vibrancy of this community;

WHEREAS seniors continue to serve as leaders, mentors, volunteers and important and active members of this community;

WHEREAS their contributions past and present warrant appreciation and recognition and their stories deserve to be told;

WHEREAS the health and well-being of seniors is in the interest of all and further adds to the health and well-being of the community;

WHEREAS the knowledge and experience seniors pass on to us continues to benefit all;

I, Mayor _____, do hereby proclaim June 1-30, 2015 **Seniors' Month** in _____ and encourage all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

Dated in the Mayor's Office on this _____ day of _____, 2015.

Mayor

Proclamation du Mois des personnes âgées

Mois des personnes âgées

Du 1^{er} au 30 juin 2015

ATTENDU QUE le ***Mois des personnes âgées*** est une célébration provinciale annuelle;

ATTENDU QUE les personnes âgées ont contribué et continuent de contribuer de façon marquée à la vie et au dynamisme de cette communauté;

ATTENDU QUE les personnes âgées continuent d'être des leaders, des mentors, des bénévoles et des membres vitaux et actifs de cette communauté;

ATTENDU QUE leurs contributions passées et présentes méritent à la fois reconnaissance et appréciation et que leurs histoires méritent d'être connues;

ATTENDU QU'assurer la santé et le bien-être des personnes âgées est dans l'intérêt de tout un chacun, car elles contribuent à assurer la santé et le bien-être de toute la communauté;

ATTENDU QUE les connaissances et l'expérience que les personnes âgées nous transmettent continuent de nous profiter à toutes et tous;

Je, maire _____ proclame par la présente la période du 1^{er} au 30 juin 2015 **Mois des personnes âgées** à

_____ et encourage tous les citoyens et citoyennes à rendre hommage aux personnes âgées et à célébrer leurs réalisations.

Daté au bureau du maire ce _____ jour de _____ 2015.

Maire