

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015**

Item 12, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 19, 2015, as follows:

***By approving the recommendation in Communication C3 from the City Clerk, dated May 13, 2015, as follows:***

- 1. That the report of the City Clerk, dated May 5, 2015, be received.***

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
PEACE TREE DAY**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends:**

- 1) That consideration of this matter be deferred to the Council meeting of May 19, 2015.**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That June 1, 2015 be proclaimed as "Peace Tree Day"; 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**

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Council – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the Peace Tree Ambassador, Peace Tree International, dated February 19, 2015.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the Peace Tree Ambassador, Peace Tree International is attached. (Attachment 1)

The proclamation request meets the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

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#### **Item 12, CW Report No. 20 – Page 2**

Peace Tree International is a non-profit organization that empowers children and youth to build equitable inclusive and peaceful schools and communities by inspiring them to create initiatives through literacy and the arts. The request for the proclamation is to honour the innocent lives lost around the world and celebrate the spirit and passion of the Peace Tree Ambassadors in creating a peaceful, inclusive and equitable community. The City of Vaughan previously endorsed Peace Tree Day and initiatives.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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

Service Excellence

- Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture

#### **Regional Implications**

N/A

#### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending June 1, 2015 be proclaimed as “Peace Tree Day” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

#### **Attachment**

Attachment 1 – Correspondence from the Peace Tree Ambassador, Peace Tree International, dated February 19, 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.)



C	3
Item #	12
Report No.	20 (cw)
Council - May 19/15	

**DATE:** MAY 14, 2015

**TO:** MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF COUNCIL

**FROM:** JEFFREY A. ABRAMS  
CITY CLERK

**RE:** Council Meeting – May 19, 2015  
PROCLAMATION REQUEST – PEACE TREE DAY  
Item 12, Report No. 20 of the Committee Of The Whole – May 5, 2015

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Recommendation:

The City Clerk recommends:

1. THAT the report of the City Clerk, dated May 5, 2015, be received.

Background:

At the Committee of the Whole meeting of May 5, 2015, Committee had before it a report from the City Clerk recommending approval of a request from the Peace Tree Ambassador, Peace Tree International, for proclamation of Peace Tree Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015.

During Committee's review of this matter, it was noted that Council had previously approved the annual endorsement of June 1<sup>st</sup> as Peace Tree Day. Committee deferred the item to Council to allow the City Clerk's Office the opportunity to review and confirm Council's previous decision in this matter.

The City Clerk's Office can confirm that at its meeting held January 28, 2008, Council adopted the following recommendations [Item 6, Report No.1 of the Committee of the Whole]:

- "1. That the City of Vaughan annually endorse June 1 as Peace Tree Day;
2. That the City of Vaughan hold an official Peace Tree Day event annually on the Friday closest to June 1."

Conclusion:

As a result of Council's previous decision in this matter, no further action is required on the part of Council and it would be appropriate to simply receive the report of the City Clerk, dated May 5, 2015. The City Clerk will forward confirmation to the Peace Tree Ambassador, Peace Tree International that June 1<sup>st</sup> has been annually endorsed as Peace Tree Day.

For Council's further information, "Peace Tree Month" was endorsed on an annual basis as a result of Council's approval of Item 17, Report No. 9 of the Committee of the Whole, at its meeting held on March 9, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk

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2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Peace Tree International Initiatives is writing to request the proclamation of Peace Tree Day on June 1, 2015. Peace Tree International, a non-profit organization that empowers children and youth to utilize their passion to become social justice leaders for peace by celebrating diversity through the fusion of arts and culture. Children and youth Peace Tree Ambassadors create new forms of art that celebrate diversity and conduct workshops, conferences and festivals that inspire children and youth to create a peaceful, equitable, inclusive and compassionate world where diversity is embraced and celebrated.

This year, children and youth Peace Tree Ambassadors from diverse cultures and faiths will unite to celebrate Peace Tree Day 2015 at Mel Lastman Square. On this day, Peace Tree Ambassadors will create and share innovative forms of art, music, and dance reflecting diversity and conduct student led peace workshops that will assist them to raise funds for children less fortunate locally and globally.


On Peace Tree Day, schools, families and communities also unite to create a vibrant Peace Tree that highlights the symbols of all our cultures and faiths on one tree to reflect the beauty of 'diversity in unity'.

In light of recent events around the world, Peace Tree International Initiatives requests the proclamation of Peace Tree Day on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. As Peace Tree Ambassadors we are dedicated now more than ever to continue our mission to innovate, educate and donate to our society in order to create a more peaceful, inclusive and equitable city and world where every individual is respected and celebrated.

**CLERK'S DEPT.**

We hope His Worship Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua will proclaim Peace Tree Day on June 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 in honour of the innocent lives lost around the world and to celebrate the spirit and passion of our Peace Tree Ambassadors. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [info@peacetreinternational.org](mailto:info@peacetreinternational.org) or at (416) 441-0253. Thank you.

Warmest regards,



Talina Sen Smet  
Peace Tree Ambassador

*Peace Tree Day...celebrating peace and diversity TOGETHER!*

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