

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

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

Item 24, 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  
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 May 5, 2015:**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That May 3 – 9, 2015 be proclaimed as “Children’s Mental Health Week” in the City of Vaughan;
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

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#### **Regional Implications**

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#### **Conclusion**

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#### **Attachments**

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#### **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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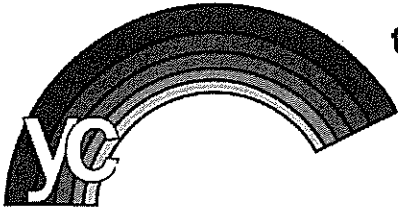
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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk



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April 17, 2015

Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua  
Vaughan City Hall  
Level 100  
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 3 -9, 2015 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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