

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2013**

Item 4, Report No. 23, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 4, 2013.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 21, 2013:

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 2013 be proclaimed as “Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness 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**

To respond to the request received from the Executive Director of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

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

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The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario has been delivering programs and services for 40 years that improve the quality of life of children, youth and adults with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus, through research, awareness, care and advocacy. This proclamation will assist the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario to raise awareness of these life

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

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

**Regional Implications**

N/A

**Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that June 2013 be proclaimed as “Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

**Attachments**

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the Executive Director, of the Spina Bifida & Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario, dated April 30, 2013

**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.)

## **COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – MAY 21 2013**

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams  
City Clerk



April 30, 2013

**Honourary Patron**

*Hon. David C. Onley  
Lieutenant Governor of Ontario*

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Mayor Maurizio Belivacqua  
City of Vaughan  
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Belivacqua,

We are requesting the City of Vaughan consider proclaiming June, **Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month**, to help raise awareness of these life long, neurological conditions. Enclosed please find a sample proclamation for your convenience.

The Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario (SB&H), a registered charitable organization is proud of its 40 year history of delivering programs and services that improve the quality of life of children, youth and adults with spina bifida and/or hydrocephalus through research, awareness, care and advocacy.

SB&H is working to inform the public through our education campaigns:

**Folic Acid It's Never Too Early**, an important message for all women of child bearing age and women in high risk groups. SB&H promotes the benefits of folic acid in reducing the incidence of neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, by as much as 70%.

**Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus (NPH)**, a neurological condition that affects adults 55 and older. This little known form of hydrocephalus is often misdiagnosed as Alzheimer's or Parkinson's Disease. When NPH is detected early symptoms may be partially or fully reversed.

Thank you for considering our request.

Sincerely,

Joan Booth  
Executive Director

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**CLERK'S DEPT.**

## SAMPLE PROCLAMATION

- WHEREAS** the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario serves people with spina bifida and hydrocephalus, their families and the public; and
- WHEREAS** Health Canada has proclaimed June as Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Awareness Month; and
- WHEREAS** there are many people who are not aware of the Association or that it offers support, information and education programs and funds research to find ways to prevent and treat these conditions; and
- WHEREAS** the Association encourages all Ontarians to learn more about these conditions and to appreciate the challenges faced by individuals affected by them, therefore

### BE IT RESOLVED

That the \_\_\_\_\_ hereby proclaims the month of June to be

### SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS AWARENESS MONTH

in the \_\_\_\_\_ and I urge all citizens to give full consideration and attention to the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario for their work on behalf of those with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and their families.

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Signature

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Date