

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2013

Item 5, 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.

5 PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK – JUNE 2-8, 2013

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Commissioner of Community Services, dated May 21, 2013:

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Community Services, in consultation with the Director of Recreation and Culture and the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee, recommends:

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2. That the National Access Awareness Week (NAAW) list of community activities and events, including the reception to be held on June 7, 2013 at City Hall with special guest, the Honourable David C. Onley, O.Ont., Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, as per Attachment 1, be received.

Contribution to Sustainability

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council in the Green Directions, Vaughan, Community Sustainability Environmental Master Plan, Goal 4, and Objective 4.1:

- To foster a city with strong social cohesion, an engaging arts scene, and a clear sense of its culture and heritage.

Economic Impact

The cost associated with the promotion and the delivery of programs and initiatives indicated in this report, of approximately \$4,500, will be funded through the approved 2013 Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee Operating Budget and community sponsors.

Communications Plan

The City of Vaughan will communicate the proclamation and list of events for National Access Awareness Week 2013 through the City’s website, social media, posters and public service announcement.

Purpose

The purpose of this report is to request that Council proclaim the week of June 2-8, 2013 as *National Access Awareness Week* in the City of Vaughan and to inform Council of the upcoming community celebrations associated with the NAAW event organized by the Recreation and Culture Department.

Background - Analysis and Options

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

In consideration of the strategic priorities related to Vaughan Vision 2020, this report will provide:

- STRATEGIC GOAL:
Service Excellence – Providing service excellence to citizens
- STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES:
Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness.

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

There are no regional implications associated with this report.

Conclusion

The City of Vaughan is taking a proactive approach to raise awareness, improve the social, health and active lifestyles of persons with disabilities by proclaiming the week of June 2-8, 2013 as *National Access Awareness Week*.

Attachments

1. 2013 National Access Awareness Week schedule of activities.

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(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,

Marlon Kallideen
Commissioner of Community Services

**Chancellor
Community Centre**
350 Ansley Grove Road 

Fun Club

Participants with disabilities socialize and learn skills in a fun and inclusive atmosphere. **Ages 8-13 years.**

6:00-8:30pm

Saturday, June 8

**Maple
Community Centre**
10190 Keele Street 

King Pin

Let the good times roll at Maple Bowling Alley, featuring bumpers and electronic scoring. **All ages.**

10:00am-12:00pm

Note: Open to the entire family. Maximum 2 games or 1 hour per play. Wheelchair accessible elevator. **Sandals not permitted.**

For more information about National Access Awareness Week and Accessibility in Vaughan, please contact:

Mihaela Neagoe,
Active Living Coordinator,
Special Needs

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Health & Wellness
Lifestyle & Social Skills
Sports & Drop-In Activities

Summer Camps

Specialized & Integrated
Leadership Opportunities

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Free Activities!

Hosted by the Vaughan Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC) in collaboration with the City of Vaughan.

**National Access
Awareness Week**
June 2 - 8, 2013



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**Schedule
of Events**

Sunday, June 2

Vellore Village Community Centre

1 Villa Royale Avenue 

The Wizard of Oz

A theatre performance by DANI.

All ages.

7:00pm

Monday, June 3

Maple Arts Space

10190 Keele Street 

Through Our Eyes

A photography essay documenting the people, places and things that captivated the attention of the program participants who captured the images. All ages.

10:00am-4:00pm

Tuesday, June 4

Father E. Bulfon Community Centre

8141 Martin Grove Road 

Recreational Bocce

Ages 16 years+

9:30-11:30am



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C3 Cardio Core Conditioning

A total body workout which includes cardio, core and muscle conditioning.

Ages 16 years+

9:30-11:30am

Note: Participants must be accompanied by a support person if assistance is required.

Wednesday, June 5

Al Palladini Community Centre

9201 Islington Avenue 

Ball Body Drumster

This total body workout incorporates the stability ball and drumsticks for a fun workout. Ages 13 years+

10:30-11:00am

Thursday, June 6

Sonoma Heights Park

100 Sunset Ridge 

ZumbasticFuntastic

Zumba, cooperative games, bocce, scavenger hunt, fire safety workshop and more! All ages.

10:00am-3:00pm

Dufferin Clark Community Centre

1441 Dufferin Avenue West 

Parent & Child Badminton

Learn the basic concepts of this classic backyard game and enjoy friendly play with your 'neighbours'.

Ages 7-11 years.

6:00-7:00pm

Note: Parent/guardian must participate.

Vellore Village Community Centre

1441 Dufferin Avenue West 

Family Fundamentals of Sport

Score a spot in this program to enjoy soccer and basketball drills and friendly game play. Ages 13-21 years.

6:30-7:30pm

Note: Participants must wear running shoes to participate.

Friday, June 7

Vaughan City Hall

Multi-Purpose Room

2141 Major Mackenzie Drive 

National Access Awareness Week Presentation

11:00am-12:00pm

North Thornhill Community Centre

300 Pleasant Ridge Avenue 

Parent & Child Games Room Drop-In

Spend quality family time together playing ping pong, pool and futsal.

Ages 7-17 years.

3:30-6:00pm

Rosemount Community Centre

1000 New Westminster Drive 

Ball Hockey for Youth

Missing the hockey season? We're playing the good old game of hockey on the arena floor. Bring your stick, gloves and running shoes. Game on! Ages 10-17 years.

4:00-5:30pm