

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016

Item 39, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2016.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 21, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That October 2, 2016 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction 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

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Purpose

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Background - Analysis and Options

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Regional Implications

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Conclusion

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Attachment

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Report prepared by:

Julia Bartolomeo, Secretary 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,

Jeffrey A. Abrams



Association in Defence
of the Wrongly Convicted

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CLERK'S DEPT.

Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted
111 Peter Street
Toronto, ON M5V 2H1
Canada

June 1, 2016

Dear City of Vaughan's Clerk;

The Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted (AIDWYC) is a national, non-profit organization dedicated to identifying, advocating for and assisting individuals convicted of a crime they did not commit. It seeks to prevent such injustices in the future through legal education and reforms to the justice system.

We are reaching out to the City of Vaughan to ask that you proclaim October 2nd as Wrongful Conviction Day. Wrongful Conviction Day was launched internationally by AIDWYC on October 2, 2014. It would be an honour to include the City of Vaughan in the growing list of cities across Canada supporting and proclaiming October 2, 2016 as Wrongful Conviction Day. We were fortunate enough to have the City of Vaughan support and raise awareness for this cause last year by proclaiming the date, and hope to have your continuous support.

Wrongful convictions are tragedies that not only negatively impact the lives of the innocent individuals that are incarcerated but also their families and society as a whole.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime at 1-800-249-1329 x 227 should you require further information or have any questions.

I thank you for your time and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Win Wahrer', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Win Wahrer
Co-Founder/Director of Client Services