

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

Item 18, Report No. 31, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 20, 2016.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
BEREAVED FAMILIES OF YORK REGION'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 7, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That the month of September 2016 be proclaimed as the 25th Anniversary of Bereaved Families of York Region; 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 Bereaved Families of York Region (BFOYR).

Background - Analysis and Options

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Regional Implications

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Conclusion

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Attachment

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Executive Director, Bereaved Families of York Region

Report prepared by:

Julia Bartolomeo, 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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Respectfully submitted,

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Bereaved Families – York Region
An Association of Families Who Have Lost a Loved One Through
Death

July 20th, 2016

Mayor Bevilacqua
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CLERK'S DEPT.

Dear Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua,

On behalf of the Board of Directors, families, volunteers and staff at Bereaved Families – York Region we are proud to announce that this year marks the 25th anniversary of BFOYR providing programs and services throughout York Region.

Mission Statement: Bereaved Families of York Region (BFOYR) provides bereavement support services by trained volunteers and staff to individuals and families grieving the death of a loved one.

Vision: BFOYR provides a lifeline to individuals and families grieving a death by providing compassionate support in order to cope with their journey through grief. We all experience the death of a loved one and BFOYR is committed to increase awareness in our community through education in the death, grief and bereavement.

Since 1991, we have been providing bereavement programs and services throughout the Town of Vaughan, striving to ensure that individuals grieving the death of a loved one have access to caring and compassionate support. We do not receive funding from federal, provincial and/or local government to deliver our critical programs. We do not charge a fee for our services, thusly ensuring everyone has access to bereavement support.

We are asking for your support through a formally written letter of acknowledgement of BFOYR, the organization serving your community and a declaration of our 25th Anniversary at your September Council Meeting.

“Opening Doors for 25 years, so that the hope and healing may begin”

Yours Sincerely,

Mary Beatson
Executive Director
Bereaved Families – York Region

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