

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Item 1, Report No. 33, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 25, 2012.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH – OCTOBER 2012**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated September 4, 2012:

Recommendation

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Contribution to Sustainability

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Economic Impact

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Conclusion

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Attachments

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Report prepared by

Connie Bonsignore, Administrative Assistant to 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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment 1



Honorary Patron:

The Hon. David C. Onley
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Lupus Foundation of Ontario

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Mayor & Council Members
City of Vaughan
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Re: **"October is Lupus Awareness Month"**

Dear Mayor & Council Members:

Lupus Foundation of Ontario has been serving the citizens of Ontario for almost 40 years. During this time, we have been active in addressing the need for public awareness initiatives through media coverage. Over 3400 Ontarians responded to our petition requesting funding to educate everyone about the **'least known major disease'**.

We receive no funding from any governmental source. Each day, we receive requests from those seeking a diagnosis for their vague symptoms. Parents of young children and adolescents are requesting information as their children have received positive diagnoses; returning military personnel have stress-related and trauma health issues; professionals deal with the main lupus trigger – stress; and skin lupus is appearing because of harmful UV rays or the usage of tanning beds.

We thank your community for your previous support and would like to request that you again read our Proclamation during a Council meeting and declare **"October as Lupus Awareness Month"**. Our grass-roots approach to publicizing the realities of lupus does help to educate all citizens that **Lupus Foundation of Ontario** is just a telephone call away.

We are enclosing our Proclamation and welcome your assistance. Last year, we received overwhelming support from communities throughout Ontario. Your continued support will make a real difference to the lives of those living with lupus. Thank you.

Very truly yours,

Kathy Crowhurst

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OCTOBER IS LUPUS AWARENESS MONTH

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, lupus is an autoimmune disease that can cause severe damage to the tissue and organs in the body and, in some cases, death; and

Whereas, more than five million people worldwide suffer the devastating effects of this disease and each year over a hundred thousand young women, men and children are newly diagnosed with lupus, the great majority of whom are women of childbearing age; and

Whereas, medical research efforts into lupus and the discovery of safer, more effective treatments for lupus patients are under-funded in comparison with diseases of comparable magnitude and severity; and

Whereas, many physicians worldwide are unaware of symptoms and the health effects of lupus, causing people with lupus to suffer for many years before they obtain a correct diagnosis and medical treatment; and

Whereas, there is a deep, unmet need worldwide to educate and support individuals and families affected by lupus; and

Whereas, there is an urgent need to increase awareness in communities worldwide of the debilitating impact of lupus;

Now, Therefore, Be it resolved that October 2012 is hereby designated as “**October is Lupus Awareness Month**” when lupus organizations around the world call for increases in public and private sector funding for medical research on lupus, targeted education programmes for health professionals, patients and the public, and worldwide recognition of lupus as a significant public health issue.

Dated

Signed