

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 25, 2012

Item 3, 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
SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK

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

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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Purpose

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Conclusion

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Attachments

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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 SEPTEMBER 4, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



Ontario Multifaith Council

July 3, 2012



Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1



Dear Mayor Bevilacqua:



**Re: Proclamation for Spiritual & Religious Care Awareness Week
October 14 – 20, 2012**



The Ontario Multifaith Council on Spiritual and Religious Care (OMC) is a registered, non-profit, charitable organization representing a wide-range of Faith groups in the province of Ontario. The OMC is comprised of representatives from 30 Faith groups with 185 Regional Multifaith Committee members throughout Ontario who give support to our Vision and Mandate.



OMC is dedicated to working with the Ontario Government to promote and facilitate equal access to adequate and appropriate Spiritual Care and Religious accommodation for persons in government operated/funded institutions and organizations, in context with the Ontario Human Rights Code.



OMC initiates and organizes an annual celebration of Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week (SRCAW) which provides an opportunity to recognize the value and dedication of Spiritual and Religious service providers of all Faiths who work in specialized settings such as, hospitals, long-term care facilities, mental health centres and correctional facilities.



We are asking that consideration be given for SRCAW to be proclaimed throughout Canada during the week of October 14-20 this year. Spiritual and Religious care is supported through the Human Rights Code not only in the province of Ontario but throughout the mosaic of Canada. Regardless of age, race, social or political standing, whether Interfaith or Multifaith, the celebration of SRCAW gives support to those who provide and receive Spiritual and Religious care.



It is our hope that your response to our request will be positive. We would be most pleased to provide any additional information that is required to enable you to process our request.



Sincerely,



Abdul Hai Patel

Imam Abdul Hai Patel
President



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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
CITY OF VAUGHAN

(When sending the Proclamation, request a copy of the action taken by the municipality along with an address to where it can be sent: names, addresses, phone numbers and e-mail addresses for all elected or appointed municipal officials are found in the ONTARIO MUNICIPAL DIRECTORY, a copy of which should be in your local civic office or possibly the local library.)

SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK
Facing the Questions in Spiritual and Religious Care
October 14 – 20, 2012

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS across the province of Ontario there is concern about the necessary and important place of spirituality in the provision of care in hospitals, long term care facilities, correctional settings, mental health centres and facilities for people with intellectual disabilities, AND

WHEREAS the need for and work of dedicated, qualified and competent spiritual and religious caregivers in society and particularly in our provincial institutions of care needs to be officially recognized and applauded, AND

WHEREAS the multicultural mosaic of Ontario demands diversity in the provision of spiritual and religious care and the protection of religious rights, this unique provincial phenomenon, having been recognized and provided for by the Ontario Multifaith Council, AND

WHEREAS throughout the province there will be a celebration of SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS CARE AWARENESS WEEK during October 14 - 20, 2012.

THEREFORE be it resolved that the (name of municipality, e.g. City of Cornwall) join with other like-minded political jurisdictions in the Province of Ontario (or the name of the OMC region) and declare the week of October 14 - 20, 2012 as Spiritual and Religious Care Awareness Week and to support all local observances pertaining thereto.

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