

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 30, 2012

Item 37, Report No. 39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 30, 2012.

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PROCLAMATION REQUEST
PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated October 16, 2012:

Recommendation

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and
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Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

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Service Excellence

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Regional Implications

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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 – OCTOBER 16, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey A. Abrams
City Clerk



**PULMONARY HYPERTENSION ASSOCIATION OF CANADA
TORONTO CHAPTER**

October 12, 2012

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr
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Your Honour,

I am writing to request a proclamation from the City of Vaughn to declare November Pulmonary Hypertension Month. This will be a tremendous help to us in our awareness efforts on behalf of all persons throughout your community and Canada who suffer with this rare, life threatening lung disease.

PULMONARY HYPERTENSION, or PH, is a disease affecting the arteries of the lungs. It can strike anyone regardless of age, sex, social or ethnic background. In PH (which means high blood pressure in the lungs), the arteries of the lungs become narrowed and scarred, which can result in almost complete closing of the arteries. People affected with this disease suffer from continuous high blood pressure in the lungs which results in an enlargement of the heart, and can lead to heart failure.

Some symptoms of PH are: shortness of breath (especially with activity); bluish or purplish hands, feet and lips; swelling of hands and feet; light-headedness/dizziness, especially when climbing stairs or standing up; chest pain, especially with physical activity; feeling tired all the time; and sometimes even fainting. The somewhat "generic" symptoms, as seen above, often get mistaken for other less serious illnesses and conditions and patients therefore experience significant delays in receiving lifesaving treatments.

I am the mother of a young woman who is living with Pulmonary Hypertension (PH). I am also the Co-Leader for the Toronto Chapter, Pulmonary Hypertension Support Group. PHA Canada, the only PH group in southern Ontario. For More information about PH and this request, please feel free to contact me. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Ruth

Ruth Dolan

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