

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF DECEMBER 11, 2012

Item 2, Report No. 48, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on December 11, 2012.

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PROCLAMATION REQUEST **WORLD AIDS DAY - DECEMBER 1, 2012**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated November 27, 2012:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

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- 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

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Regional Implications

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Conclusion

Staff is recommending that December 1, 2012 be proclaimed as “World AIDS Day”, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and on the City Page Online. Given that the next meeting of Council is on December 11, 2012, this report recommends that Council ratify the decision of the Committee of the Whole at its meetings of November 27, 2012.

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 – NOVEMBER 27, 2012

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Respectfully submitted,

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November 5th, 2012

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

Your Honour,

I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors of the AIDS Committee of York Region to request a proclamation from the City of Vaughan to declare December 1st as World AIDS Day. We also request your presence at the Candlelight Vigil to be held on Wednesday, November 28th between 6:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

The purpose of the proclamation and the vigil is to enhance our awareness efforts on behalf of all persons throughout our community living with and affected by HIV. Many people living with HIV are living in isolation due to the experience of stigma and discrimination which is only exacerbated by the lack of awareness in the community.

The AIDS Committee of York Region (ACYR) is the only local nonprofit organization providing desperately needed and life changing supports to people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. We advocate and provide innovative programs that bring those affected by HIV/AIDS in from the margins, so that they can reclaim their role as engaged and valued members of our community. We champion inclusivity by including those affected by HIV/AIDS in our governance practices and program delivery. In addition, we deliver a unique platform of relevant services that are educational and prevent the spread of HIV. In York Region, men, women and children are impacted by stigma and HIV every day.

There are approximately 420 people who are aware of their status living with HIV in York Region. There are 65,000 people living with HIV in all of Canada, of whom 27,000 are living in Ontario. More importantly, an estimated 26% of Canadians do not know their status because they have never been tested. Anyone can be affected by HIV regardless of religion, age, class, race, culture or sexual orientation.

Your exceptional stewardship of various causes has left a great imprint on our work in the community. Therefore, the proclamation and your presence at our vigil event will generate a great deal of awareness for the cause. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. We are finalizing our program and launching our media campaign, so I would appreciate your kind and prompt response. We look forward to hearing from you so that we may send you more details about the Candle Light Vigil.

Kind regards,

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Providing support and dignified care to those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in York Region.