

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 20, 2018

Item 11, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 20, 2018.

11 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Clerk and Manager, Administrative Services, dated March 6, 2018:

Purpose

Staff is recommending that April 2, 2018 be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”, that the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign on April 3, 2018, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Recommendations

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2. That the City of Vaughan participate in Autism Ontario’s “Raise the Flag” campaign on April 3, 2018; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to a request from the Chapter Manager of Autism Ontario
- Proclamation Request for April 2, and Flag raising ceremony requested for April 3

Background

Correspondence was received from the Chapter Manager of Autism Ontario, on February 26, 2018.

This request was previously granted by Council.

Previous Reports/Authority

Item 22, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole - PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY

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Analysis and Options

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"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

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Autism Ontario acts as a prevalent source of information on autism, and provides a voice for the autism community in Ontario. Autism is now the fastest growing and most commonly diagnosed neurological disorder in Canada. Autism Ontario works to promote awareness of this disorder so that each person diagnosed is able to achieve the fullest quality of life possible.

Financial Impact

Not Applicable

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not Applicable

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1. Correspondence from the Chapter Manager, Autism Ontario (York Region) dated February 21, 2018.

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Prepared by

Shari Gouzvaris, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services x8280

(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.)

Item:



Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 06, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY**

FROM:

Todd Coles, Deputy City Clerk & Manager, Administrative Services

ACTION: DECISION

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February 21, 2018
City of Vaughan – Clerk's Office
2141 Major MacKenzie Dr
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CLERK'S DEPT.

To Whom It May Concern:

Please find attached the Request for Proclamation for the upcoming World Autism Awareness Day that we will be celebrating on April 2, 2018 (to be observed on April 3, 2018).

Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Members are connected through a volunteer network network of chapters throughout the Province of Ontario.

We are guided by a Board of Directors, composed primarily of parents of individuals with autism, plus a host of volunteers and respected professionals who provide expertise and guidance to the organization on a volunteer basis.

Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families and the professional with whom they interact. The association and its chapters share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research and advocating for programs and services for the autism community.

Our York Region chapter proudly serves 11,000 individuals with autism and their families living in the region. We would like to count the City of Vaughan as a community partner that will join us in recognizing World Autism Awareness Day through the attached Proclamation, as well as join us in a Flag Raising.

Please let us know if you require any additional information from us.

Best Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Shaw", written over the printed name.

Sarah Shaw - Chapter Manager
Autism Ontario York Region – 905.780.1590x101