

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 16, 2024

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS: NATIONAL HOSPICE
PALLIATIVE CARE WEEK AND EMERGENCY
PREPAREDNESS WEEK**

FROM:

Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for National Hospice Palliative Care Week and Emergency Preparedness Week.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from Hospice Vaughan.
- Respond to the request received from the City of Vaughan's Emergency Planning Program.

Recommendations

1. THAT May 5 to 11, 2024 be proclaimed as "National Hospice Palliative Care Week";
2. THAT May 5 to 11, 2024 be proclaimed as "Emergency Preparedness Week" and that on an annual basis going forward this proclamation is made for the first full week in May; and,
3. THAT the proclamations be posted on the City's website and that the Communications, Marketing and Engagement department be directed to promote the above noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

National Hospice Palliative Care Week

The request for proclamation was received from Hospice Vaughan on April 4, 2024.

This week is a time to celebrate and highlight the work done to provide palliative care across the country.

The organization has also requested an illumination for this week, which will be reviewed by the City Clerk as per the City's Illumination Policy 03.C.12.

Emergency Preparedness Week

The request for proclamation was received from the City of Vaughan's Emergency Planning Program on April 10, 2024.

This week is a national event involving all levels of government working together to reinforce to citizens the importance of being prepared for any situation.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

Emergency Preparedness Week

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Analysis and Options

National Hospice Palliative Care Week

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns.

Emergency Preparedness Week

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact expected in regard to these requests.

Operational Impact

The Communications, Marketing and Engagement team will oversee the promotion of these proclamations on corporate channels.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the requests, staff is recommending that May 5 to 11, 2024 be proclaimed as “National Hospice Palliative Care Week”; that May 5 to 11, 2024 be proclaimed as “Emergency Preparedness Week” and that on an annual basis going forward this proclamation is made for the first full week in May; and, lastly, that these proclamations be posted on the City’s website and that the Communications, Marketing and Engagement department be directed to promote the above noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281.

Attachments

1. Proclamation Request Form from Hospice Vaughan.
2. Proclamation Request Form from the City of Vaughan’s Emergency Planning Program.

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