



**CITY OF VAUGHAN  
COUNCIL MEETING ADDENDUM  
AGENDA**

**(NOTE: ADDENDUMS WILL REQUIRE UNANIMOUS VOTE FROM THE MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PRESENT AT THE MEETING TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA.)**

Wednesday, October 2, 2019

1:00 p.m.

Council Chamber

2nd Floor, Vaughan City Hall

2141 Major Mackenzie Drive

Vaughan, Ontario

Territorial Acknowledgement Statement (prior to the commencement of the meeting)

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**Pages**

**1. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

Addendum Listing

1. *PROCLAMATION REQUEST RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH*

Report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor with respect to the above.

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## Council Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, October 02, 2019

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the City's online corporate channels.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the proclamation request received from Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A).
- Proclamation requested for the month of October.

**Recommendations**

1. That October 2019 be proclaimed as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month"; and,
2. That the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the City's online corporate channels.

**Background**

Correspondence was received from the Marketing Committee of the O.R.S.A. on September 23, 2019.

Rett Syndrome is a rare neurodevelopmental condition that affects mainly females and is caused by a mutation in the X chromosome.

The O.R.S.A. hopes that a proclamation will give a means to focus attention on Rett Syndrome, making it possible for the association to raise awareness and advocacy, and continue providing parent and family support through the Resource Centre, conferences, and funding research projects and the three Rett Syndrome clinics in Ontario.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

Not applicable.

### **Analysis and Options**

The proclamation meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns, or other similar matters:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act."

### **Financial Impact**

Not applicable.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that October 2019 be proclaimed as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the City's online corporate channels.

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

### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from the Marketing Committee, O.R.S.A., dated September 19, 2019

### **Prepared by**

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## Attachment 1



Honorable Maurizio Bevilacqua  
Mayor  
Vaughan City Hall  
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr  
Vaughan, ON L6A 1T1

RECEIVED  
SEP 23 2019  
CLERK'S DEPT.

September 19, 2019

### Request for Proclamation

Dear Mayor / Council Member Bevilacqua

On behalf of the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A), and the 11 diagnosed individuals living in the City of Vaughan, I am writing to request your proclamation of the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month.

Rett Syndrome is a rare neurodevelopment condition that affects mainly females (1 in 10,000 births) and is caused by a mutation in the X chromosome. Individuals with Rett syndrome will lose some if not most acquired skills including speech, and gross and fine motor skills. Some never develop the ability to walk or even talk.

O.R.S.A. exists to ensure that children and adults with Rett syndrome are enabled to achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life within their community.

This observance gives us a means to focus attention in making it possible for O.R.S.A. to continue public awareness and advocacy, provide parent/family support, operate the Resource Centre, fund research projects through the Hope Fund, host conferences, maintain the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry, and fund three Rett syndrome clinics in Ontario that provide medical assistance.

If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email: [smiguel@rett.ca](mailto:smiguel@rett.ca) or phone at 519-474-6877.

Thank you for taking the time to consider recognizing and supporting O.R.S.A. as we strive to build "healthy tomorrows" for all Canadians living with Rett syndrome.

Sincerely,

Steve Miguel  
Marketing Committee  
Ontario Rett Syndrome Association