

CITY OF VAUGHAN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE (2) ADDENDUM AGENDA

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Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:00 p.m. Council Chamber 2nd Floor, Vaughan City Hall 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, Ontario

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Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REPORT - WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 2, 2020 as Wrongful Conviction Day, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website, and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the corporate channels.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee.
- Proclamation requested for October 2, 2020.

Recommendations

- 1. That October 2, 2020 be proclaimed as "Wrongful Conviction Day"; and,
- 2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the corporate channels.

Background

Correspondence was received from the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee on September 14, 2020 making the request.

Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement launched by the Committee in 2014.

The purpose of this day is to inform and educate the broader international community on the causes, consequences and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions. Proclaiming the date of October 2 as Wrongful Conviction Day would help direct the public's attention to this issue and hopefully generate support for the cause.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

Committee of the Whole - September 24, 2019

Analysis and Options

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

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 2, 2020 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction Day, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the corporate channels.

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

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Advocacy Coordinator, International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee, dated September 14, 2020

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Approved by

Wendy Law U Deputy City Manager Administrative Services & City Solicitor

Reviewed by

Jim Harnum, City Manager



INTERNATIONAL WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY COMMITTEE

Delivered Via Email

September 14, 2020

City Clerk's Administrative Services City of Vaughan 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive Vaughan, ON L6A1T1

To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Wrongful Conviction Day Proclamation Request

On behalf of the Wrongful Conviction Committee, I am writing to request that the City of Vaughan October 2, 2020 as "Wrongful Conviction Day".

Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement launched by the committee on October 2, 2014. The primary purpose of this important initiative is to recognize the tremendous personal, social and legal costs associated with wrongful criminal convictions. This day recognizes those persons who have been forced to endure the tremendous consequences brought by a wrongful criminal conviction. The purpose of this day is to inform and educate the broader international community on the causes, consequences and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions.

It is important to raise awareness in order to work toward the prevention of further wrongful convictions. Proclaiming October 2nd as Wrongful Conviction Day can direct the public's attention to this issue and generate support and understanding. The committee is committed to raising awareness of and advocacy against wrongful convictions globally.

Our organization, partners in Wrongful Conviction Day, and those who have been wrongly convicted would greatly appreciate your support.

Respectfully,

Marisa Parsons Advocacy Coordinator, International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee

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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (2)				
Title:	Gender Equality Week in the City of Vaughan				
Submitted by:	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua				
<i>Whereas</i> the City of Vaughan remains committed to increasing awareness of the significant and substantive contributions that women have made and continue to make to the growth, development, character and identity of Vaughan, York Region and all of Canada;					
<i>Whereas</i> equality and compassion for all individuals continue to guide our city-building and service delivery efforts, and all Vaughan residents and employees share the responsibility of addressing the social and economic challenges faced by women, which are fundamentally human rights issues;					
<i>Whereas</i> women account for approximately half of the country's population, yet a lower proportion of Canadian politicians are women;					
<i>Whereas</i> Canadian women face challenges in being promoted to executive or board management positions, and those who do reach such positions are often paid less than men in similar positions;					
<i>Whereas</i> the City of Vaughan recognizes the importance of celebrating and commemorating the notable achievements and advancements of Canadian women;					
<i>Whereas</i> all Canadians, in particular men and individuals who do not identify as women, are encouraged to become and remain engaged during Gender Equality Week and throughout the year, in order to achieve greater inclusiveness and full gender equality in Vaughan and throughout Canada;					
<i>Whereas,</i> in January 2020, the City adopted the Vaughan Inclusion Charter in support of the Inclusion Charter for York Region, a document that promotes and celebrates human rights, accessibility and a sense of belonging to promote equal access to opportunities for everyone;					
<i>Whereas,</i> as part of ongoing efforts to advance an agenda of diversity, inclusion and accessibility, the City of Vaughan has established the new Diversity and Inclusion Officer role in the corporation, a senior-level position supported by the City's existing Accessibility and Diversity Co-ordinator;					
<i>Whereas,</i> Gender Equality Week is the result of Bill C-309, the Gender Equality Week Act, which received Royal Assent on June 21, 2018, and is recognized in the fourth week of September;					
<i>Whereas</i> marking Gender Equality Week is yet another way the City of Vaughan can generate awareness and demonstrate our commitment to address the challenges Canadian women and individuals of minority gender identity and expression continue to face;					
<i>Whereas,</i> this week is an opportunity for all Vaughan residents and employees to celebrate the progress we have made in advancing gender equality, while reflecting on the work that remains in our combined effort to ensure that everyone can reach their full potential, regardless of their gender identity;					
It is therefore recommended that:					
2. That the proclamatio	the fourth week in September Gender Equality Week in Vaughan; n be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications I to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.				
Respectfully submitted,					



MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	Tuesday, Sept. 22, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (2)				
Title:	City of Vaughan—Community & Home Assistance to Seniors (CHATS) Snow Removal Service Pilot Project Extension				
Submitted by:	Deputy Mayor, Local and Regional Councillor Mario Ferri				
<i>Whereas,</i> during a meeting of the Committee of the Whole (2) on Oct. 2, 2019, Council approved a member's resolution for the City to enter into a Snow Removal Pilot Project with CHATS – a not-for-profit organization that has been providing home and community supports to older adults across York Region and South Simcoe since 1980;					
<i>Whereas,</i> the Snow Removal Pilot Project was a paid service that ran between Nov–Dec 2019 with City staff assisting in public information efforts;					
<i>Whereas,</i> the Snow Removal Pilot Project was funded through a contribution of \$5,000 made by Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua's Spirit of Generosity fund;					
<i>Whereas,</i> all resident inquiries where handled by CHATS representatives, who connected individuals with the organization's pre-approved service providers with quotes for winter snow clearance services;					
<i>Whereas,</i> the services were available to Vaughan residents aged 55 and older or with age-related illness;					
	<i>Whereas,</i> in general, services consisted of driveway snow removal, walkway clearing to the front/main door, and salting on walkways to the front/main door;				
<i>Whereas,</i> the health and well-being of the older adult community continues to be of vital importance to the City of Vaughan, and especially during the winter season where mobility challenges can arise;					
Whereas, CHATS has secured additional funds to continue the Snow Removal Pilot Program.					
<i>Whereas,</i> At the end of 2021, a report is to be provided by CHATS to Committee of the Whole with results and any further recommendations.					
It is therefore recommended that:					
	I. The City of Vaughan extends its participation in the Snow Removal Pilot Program with CHATS for he 2020-2021 winter season;				
That the Corporate and Strategic Communications department and Access Vaughan help provide public information promotional support to raise awareness about the Snow Removal Pilot Program extension; and					
Respectfully submitted,					

Mario Ferri, Deputy Mayor, Local and Regional Councillor