

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 7, 2022

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation request received for World Sickle Cell Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from the Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario.
- Proclamation is requested for the date of June 19, 2022.

Recommendations

1. That June 19, 2022, be proclaimed as “World Sickle Cell Day”;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamation through the various corporate channels; and,
3. That Council ratify these recommendations at the Council meeting of June 28, 2022.

Background

The Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario, also known as SCAGO, is a member organization under the national umbrella of the Sickle Cell Disease Association of Canada. It was established in 2005 to provide education about the disease to the community and health professionals, as well as offer support to those living with the disease.

As per information provided by SCAGO, Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) or Sickle Cell Anemia is a hereditary genetic disease characterized by the presence of abnormal crescent-shaped red blood cells. It affects Canadians of Asian, African, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and Caribbean heritage. In 2005, it was estimated that over 2000 Ontarians are living with sickle cell disease and up to one in four from specific cultural backgrounds carry the sickle cell trait.

World Sickle Cell Day is observed on June 19 and has been recognized by the United Nations since 2008. World Sickle Cell Day was created to encourage global awareness and action.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Committee of the Whole – May 12, 2021](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, 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 with regards to this request.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the request, staff is recommending that June 19, 2022, be proclaimed as "World Sickle Cell Day", that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamation through the various corporate channels, and that Council ratify these recommendations at the Council meeting of June 28, 2022.

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

Attachment

1. Correspondence from SCAGO, received on May 17, 2022.

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