Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 21, 2022 **WARD(S):** ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
WASTE REDUCTION WEEK, MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE, WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY (CP) DAY AND NATIONAL INJURY PREVENTION DAY

FROM:
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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose
To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for Waste Reduction Week, Month of Remembrance, World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Day and National Injury Prevention Day.

Report Highlights
- Respond to the request for proclamation received from Environmental Services for the week of October 17 to 23.
- Respond to the request for proclamation received from Enterprise Information Management Services (EIMS) for the month of November.
- Respond to the request for proclamation received from Flex for Access for October 6.
- Respond to the request for proclamation received from Parachute Canada for July 5.

Recommendations
1. That October 17 to 23, 2022 be proclaimed as “Waste Reduction Week” and this week be proclaimed annually on a reoccurring basis in following years;
2. That the month of November 2022 be proclaimed as “Month of Remembrance”;
3. That October 6, 2022, be proclaimed as “World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Day”;

4. That July 5, 2022, be proclaimed as “National Injury Prevention Day”; and,
5. That the proclamations be posted on the City’s website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

Waste Reduction Week

Waste Reduction Week in Canada takes place from October 17 to 23 and focuses on resource efficiency and waste reduction. This national program promotes individual and collective environmental efforts and achievements, while encouraging innovative ideas and solutions for waste reduction.

As per background information provided by Environmental Services in the request, the City of Vaughan is committed to the goals of the York Region SM4RT Living Plan which upholds the “4Rs” in waste management: reduce the amount of waste generated in the Region, reuse items instead of discarding them, recycle as many materials as possible into new products, and recover energy from waste that cannot be managed in other ways.

Council has previously granted this request for proclamation.

Month of Remembrance

The EIMS division of the Office of the City Clerk requested a proclamation for November 2022 to be recognized as Remembrance Month. This proclamation would be a part of the City’s annual events for Remembrance Month and is a means to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Vaughan citizens and their families.

Council has previously granted this request for proclamation.

World CP Day

Flex for Access Inc. is a registered non-profit organization for Cerebral Palsy, adaptive fitness, and sport promotion awareness. The organization uses fitness and sport as a means of helping others manage Cerebral Palsy and other physical disabilities and injuries.

Council has previously granted this request for proclamation.

The request for proclamation was accompanied by a request to illuminate City Hall on October 6, 2022 which has been approved by the City Clerk, as per the City’s Illumination Policy.

National Injury Prevention Day
Parachute Canada submitted a proclamation request for National Injury Prevention Day, which is recognized by Health Canada as a national health promotion day. This is a day to raise awareness around the importance of injury prevention and aid Canadians to live long lives through education and advocacy. This will be the 6th year which this day is nationally recognized.

This proclamation would help raise awareness around National Injury Prevention Day.

Previous Reports/Authority

Waste Reduction Week
Committee of the Whole – September 26, 2017

Month of Remembrance
Committee of the Whole – September 14, 2021

World CP Day
Committee of the Whole – September 14, 2021

Analysis and Options

Waste Reduction Week
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

Month of Remembrance
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:
2.1.5. Civic commemorations or celebrations

World CP Day
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

National Injury Prevention Day

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 in regards to these requests.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed each request, staff is recommending that: October 17 to 23, 2022 be proclaimed as "Waste Reduction Week" and this week be proclaimed annually on a reoccurring basis in following years; that the month of November 2022 be proclaimed as "Month of Remembrance"; that October 6, 2022 be proclaimed as "World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Day"; that July 5, 2022 be proclaimed as "National Injury Prevention Day"; and, finally, that the proclamations be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications 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. Correspondence from Environmental Services Department, received on January 27, 2022
2. Correspondence from EIMS, Office of the City Clerk, received on March 21, 2022
3. Correspondence from Flex for Access, received on April 6, 2022
4. Correspondence from Parachute Canada, received on May 19, 2022

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