

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 20, 2022

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS

**FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, CARBON MONOXIDE (CO)
AWARENESS WEEK AND NATIONAL CHILDREN'S GRIEF
AWARENESS DAY**

FROM:

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ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for Fire Prevention Week, Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week and National Children's Grief Awareness Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the requests received from Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services (VFRS) for Fire Prevention Week and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week.
- Respond to the request received from Rainbows For All Children Canada for National Children's Grief Awareness Day.

Recommendations

1. That October 9 – 15, 2022 be proclaimed as "Fire Prevention Week", and that the week in which the date of October 9 falls in be proclaimed annually as such going forward;
2. That November 1 – 7, 2022 be proclaimed as "Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week", and that the first week of November be proclaimed annually as such going forward;

3. That November 17, 2022, be proclaimed as “National Children’s Grief Awareness Day”; and,
4. 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

Fire Prevention Week

Fire Prevention Week is part of a nation-wide campaign to teach communities how to stay safe in a fire. Led by VFRS, the City of Vaughan has been involved in public awareness campaigns surrounding this initiative in past years.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week is observed annually during the first week of November. VFRS provides tips to educate residents of the City of Vaughan the risks Carbon Monoxide can pose, and ways that they can avoid this hazard.

Council has previously granted this request.

National Children’s Grief Awareness Day

Rainbows For All Children Canada has been supporting Canadian youth from ages 3-18 through issues such as death, divorce and separation for several decades. As noted by the organization, the loss of a parental figure, family member, or friend can result in a variety of mental and physical health-compromising issues for a child, including but not limited to: loneliness, reckless behaviour, self-harm, substance abuse, depression and suicide.

Rainbows For All Children Canada is hoping to raise awareness of these issues by proclaiming Children's Grief Awareness Day. The organization has also requested an illumination for the same day, which has been approved by the City Clerk as per the City’s Illumination Policy.

Previous Reports/Authority

Fire Prevention Week

The City of Vaughan has been involved in public awareness campaigns surrounding Fire Prevention Week/Month in past years.

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week

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National Children’s Grief Awareness Day

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

Fire Prevention 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

Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness 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

National Children’s Grief Awareness Day

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Financial Impact

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

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed these requests, staff is recommending that October 9 – 15, 2022 be proclaimed as “Fire Prevention Week”, and that the week in which the date October 9 falls in be proclaimed annually as such going forward; that November 1 – 7, 2022 be proclaimed as “Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week”, and that the first week of November be proclaimed annually as such going forward; that November 17, 2022 be proclaimed as “National Children’s Grief Awareness Day”; and, 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

Attachments

1. Correspondence from VFRS, received on May 31, 2022
2. Correspondence from VFRS, received on May 31, 2022
3. Correspondence from Rainbows For All Children Canada, received on August 24, 2022

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