

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Monday, December 12, 2022

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS  
AMYLOIDOSIS AWARENESS MONTH AND REENA'S 50TH  
ANNIVERSARY**

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for Amyloidosis Awareness Month and Reena's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received from the Canadian Amyloidosis Support Network (CASN) for the month of March.
- Respond to the request received from Reena for the date of January 18, 2023.

**Recommendations**

1. THAT March 2023 be proclaimed as "Amyloidosis Awareness Month";
2. THAT January 18, 2023, be proclaimed as "Reena's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary"; and,
3. 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**

### **Amyloidosis Awareness Month**

The CASN is a federally registered non-profit organization that assists patients and families impacted by amyloidosis. As per information from CASN, amyloidosis refers to a group of diseases caused by deposits of abnormal proteins, known as amyloid, in one or more organs of the body causing organ impairment or failure.

The organization is working on an awareness campaign to recognize March 2023 as Amyloidosis Awareness Month. March is internationally recognized by the Amyloidosis Foundation to raise awareness.

### **Reena's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Reena is celebrating its' 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2023. The organization was started in 1973 and has become a large and influential support service agency in the developmental and mental health sector.

As per information provided by the organization, Reena promotes dignity, individuality, independence, personal growth and community inclusion for people with diverse abilities. Reena provides supportive housing, programming and employment services to over 1,000 individuals with developmental disabilities including autism and those with mental health challenges.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

Proclamations related to the Reena organization have been granted in past years.

## **Analysis and Options**

### **Amyloidosis Awareness Month**

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

### **Reena's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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:
  - 2.1.6. Special recognition for individual or organizational achievements

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact expected with respect to these requests.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

None.

## **Conclusion**

Having reviewed these requests, staff is recommending that March 2023 be proclaimed as Amyloidosis Awareness Month, that January 18, 2023, be proclaimed as Reena's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and, that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote these proclamations through the various corporate channels.

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

## **Attachments**

1. Correspondence from CASN, received on August 7, 2022
2. Correspondence from Reena, received on November 18, 2022

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## **Approved by**



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