

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 05, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY**

FROM:

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval for the date of May 8, 2019 to be proclaimed as Multiple Sclerosis Day, that the City of Vaughan raise the Multiple Sclerosis flag at Vaughan City Hall on May 8, 2019 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from the York Region MS Chapter, received on February 20, 2019.
- Proclamation and flag raising event requested for May 8, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That May 8, 2019 be proclaimed as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day;
2. That the City of Vaughan raise the Multiple Sclerosis flag at Vaughan City Hall on May 8, 2019 for the balance of the day; and,
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Director of Client Services/Membership of the York Region MS Chapter on February 20, 2019 requesting a proclamation and flag raising.

This request has been previously granted by Council.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Committee of the Whole - Item 18, Report No.13](#)

Analysis and Options

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns, or other similar matters: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdictions or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

"Flags of non-partisan, non-profit, charitable organizations shall be flown at the City of Vaughan Civic Centre upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance on the understanding that the individual flag will not be flown for a period longer than one week".

The York Region MS Chapter services hundreds of members with financial and equipment subsidies each month. By raising awareness of Multiple Sclerosis, the organization is hoping that they will be able to increase funding to their members, as well as increasing the involvement of York Region citizens in helping to fundraise.

Financial Impact

There is no expected financial impact with respect to this request.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

The York Region MS Chapter services citizens of the Regional Municipality of York.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 8, 2019 be proclaimed as Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day, that the City of Vaughan raise the Multiple Sclerosis flag on May 8, 2019 for the balance of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk

Attachment

1. Correspondence from the Director of Client Services/Membership of the York Region MS Chapter, dated February 19, 2019

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