

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, February 7, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
WORLD WATER DAY, NATIONAL 211 DAY AND MULTIPLE
MYELOMA AWARENESS MONTH

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation requests received for World Water Day, National 211 Day, and Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received by the Environmental Services Department for a proclamation on the date of March 22, 2023.
- Respond to the request received by Findhelp Information Services (Findhelp I 211) for a proclamation on the date of February 11, 2023.
- Respond to the request received by Myeloma Canada for a proclamation for the month of March 2023.

Recommendations

1. That March 22, 2023, be proclaimed as “World Water Day”;
2. That February 11, 2023, be proclaimed as “National 211 Day” and that Council ratify this recommendation at the Council meeting of February 22, 2023;
3. That March 2023 be proclaimed as “Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month”; 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

World Water Day

The request for proclamation was received from the City of Vaughan's Environmental Services Department on January 12, 2023.

The request is for the date of March 22, 2023, to recognize World Water Day. On an annual basis, people and organizations mark the day of March 22 as World Water Day to raise awareness on working towards solutions to help tackle the water crisis.

Council has previously granted this request.

National 211 Day

The request for proclamation was received from Findhelp Information Services (Findhelp | 211) on January 13, 2023.

The request is for the date of February 11, 2023, to recognize National 211 Day. As per information provided by the organization, 211 provides residents of Vaughan with information and referrals to the range of government, health, community, and social services in their community. 211 is funded and supported by the United Way Greater Toronto. 211 Day is a public awareness initiative for this service and is celebrated by United Ways and 211s across Canada.

Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month

The request for proclamation was received from Myeloma Canada on January 24, 2023.

The request is for the month of March to recognize Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month. As per information provided by the organization, multiple myeloma is a type of cancer that develops in plasma cells found in bone marrow. Though great strides have been made in recent developments for treatment, there is still a need to raise awareness of this disease and support for Canadians who require access to treatment.

Previous Reports/Authority

World Water Day

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Analysis and Options

World Water 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 211 Day

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Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month

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Financial Impact

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

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the requests, staff is recommending that March 22, 2023, be proclaimed as "World Water Day"; that February 11, 2023, be proclaimed as "National 211 Day" and that Council ratify this recommendation at the Council meeting of February 22, 2023; that March 2023 be proclaimed as "Multiple Myeloma Awareness Month"; 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, ext. 8281.

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Environmental Services Department, received on January 12, 2023
2. Correspondence from Findhelp Information Services (Findhelp I 211), received on January 13, 2023
3. Correspondence from Myeloma Canada, received on January 24, 2023

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