

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 **WARD(S):** ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY (CP) AWARENESS DAY AND
WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY

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 Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness Day and World Sickle Cell Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from Flex for Access Inc.
- Respond to the proclamation request received from Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO).

Recommendations

1. THAT October 6, 2023, be proclaimed as “World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness Day”;
2. THAT June 19, 2023, be proclaimed as “World Sickle Cell Day” and that Council ratify this recommendation at the Council meeting of June 20, 2023; 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

World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness 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 people 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, which has been approved by the City Clerk as per the City's Illumination Policy.

World Sickle Cell Day

SCAGO is a charitable organization providing support to families with children, adolescent and adults with Sickle Cell Disease across the province. As per information provided by SCAGO, Sickle Cell Disease or Sickle Cell Anemia is a hereditary genetic disease characterized by the presence of abnormal crescent-shaped red blood cells. It is SCAGO'S hope to continue to raise awareness about Sickle Cell Disease through initiatives such as this proclamation.

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Previous Reports/Authority

World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness Day

[Committee of the Whole \(2\) - June 21, 2022](#)

World Sickle Cell Day

[Committee of the Whole \(1\) – June 7, 2022](#)

Analysis and Options

World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness 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

World Sickle Cell Day

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Financial Impact

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

Operational Impact

The Corporate Communications team will oversee the promotion of these proclamations on corporate channels.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

None.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the requests, staff is recommending that October 6, 2023, be proclaimed as "World Cerebral Palsy (CP) Awareness Day", that June 19, 2023, be proclaimed as "World Sickle Cell Day" and that Council ratify this recommendation at the Council meeting of June 20, 2023, 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 Flex for Access Inc., received on May 9, 2023
2. Correspondence from Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario, received on May 10, 2023

Prepared by

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Approved by

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Wendy Law, Deputy City Manager
Legal and Administrative Services
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Reviewed by

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Nick Spensieri, City Manager