

## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2019**

Item 18, Report No. 11, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 19, 2019.

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#### **18. PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services, dated March 5, 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.

## Committee of the Whole Report

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**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

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**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

**Prepared by**

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York Region MS Chapter  
9350 Yonge Street, P.O. Box 61528  
Richmond Hill, Ontario, L4C 0C9

February 19, 2019

Re: Proclamation of May 8<sup>th</sup> Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day in Vaughan

Dear Mr. Todd Coles  
Office of the City Clerk for the City of Vaughan

I am sending you this letter to put forth a Proclamation to council of making May 8th Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day in Vaughan. The York Region MS Chapter services hundreds of our members with financial and equipment subsidies each and every month. York Region is one of Canada's fastest growing regions and every week our membership grows with someone being diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis. By creating awareness of MS, we will be able to increase our funding to our members and increase the involvement of York Region citizens in helping us fundraise.

In order to achieve this goal, we would like to propose May 8th Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day where the MS flag will be raised at the Vaughan City Hall. The flag raising event would boost the MS Awareness Campaign in Vaughan. The Vaughan MS Flag raising event will allow us to reach out to more of our members and accomplish our mission. The York Region MS Chapter would greatly appreciate your continued support in the Vaughan MS Flag Raising Event.

I look forward in speaking with you on this matter and to designating May 8th Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day in Vaughan.

Peter Busciglio  
York Region MS Chapter  
Director of Client Services/Membership  
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