

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, December 5, 2023

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
DATA PRIVACY WEEK AND RIGHT TO KNOW WEEK

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for the proclamation requests for Data Privacy Week and Right to Know Week.

Report Highlights

- Proclamation requested to recognize Data Privacy Week.
- Proclamation requested to recognize Right to Know Week.

Recommendations

1. THAT January 28 to February 2, 2024, be proclaimed as “Data Privacy Week”;
2. THAT September 23 to 29, 2024 be proclaimed as “Right to Know Week”; and
3. THAT the proclamations be posted on the City’s website and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

Data Privacy Week

Canada and many countries around the world recognize Data Privacy Week the last week of January each year.

Data Privacy Week is endorsed by the Privacy Commissioner of Canada; it highlights the impact technology is having on privacy rights and underlines the importance of valuing and protecting personal and corporate information.

For the Office of the City Clerk, Data Privacy Week is an opportunity to highlight key issues, the role of the Office, and the resources that have been developed to foster awareness of privacy rights and obligations.

Right to Know Week

Right to Know Week is a national initiative in Canada celebrated annually during the last week of September. Endorsed and supported by the Information Commissioner of Canada, the week is aimed at fostering awareness about the importance of access to information, government accountability, and transparency.

Right to Know Week is a recognition of the vital role access to information plays in a vibrant democracy, allowing citizens to stay informed and participate in the decision-making process.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

Data Privacy Week

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns

Right to Know Week

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns

Financial Impact

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

Operational Impact

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

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that January 28 to February 2, 2024 be proclaimed as Data Privacy Week; that September 23 to 29, 2024 be proclaimed as Right to Know Week; and that the proclamations be posted on the City's website and that 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. Proclamation Request Form from City Clerk, received on November 14, 2023
2. Proclamation Request Form from City Clerk, received on November 14, 2023

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