

# Committee of the Whole (1) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE:** PROCLAMATION REQUEST - RARE DISEASE DAY

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek approval for the proclamation request received for Rare Disease Day.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request for proclamation received from the Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD).

**Recommendations**

1. THAT February 29, 2024, be proclaimed as “Rare Disease Day”; and,
2. THAT the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above noted proclamation through the various corporate channels

**Background**

The request for proclamation was received from CORD.

As per information provided by the organization, Rare Disease Day is a globally coordinated movement focusing on rare diseases. The movement is working towards achieving equity in social opportunity, healthcare, and access to diagnosis and therapies for people living with a rare disease.

**Previous Reports/Authority**

Not applicable.

## **Analysis and Options**

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 this request.

## **Operational Impact**

The Corporate and Strategic Communications team will oversee the promotion of this proclamation on corporate channels.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

## **Conclusion**

Having reviewed this request, staff is recommending that February 29, 2024, be proclaimed as Rare Disease Day, and, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above noted proclamation through the various corporate channels.

**For more information**, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281.

## **Attachment**

1. Proclamation Request Form from CORD.

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