

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, March 19, 2024

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS
WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK

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 Autism Awareness Day and National Volunteer Week.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from Autism Ontario.
- Respond to the proclamation request received from Volunteer Connect York Region.

Recommendations

1. THAT April 2, 2024, be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”;
2. THAT April 14 to April 20, 2024, be proclaimed as “National Volunteer Week”;
and
3. THAT the proclamations be posted on the City’s website and that the Communications, Marketing and Engagement department be directed to promote the above noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

World Autism Awareness Day

The request for proclamation from Autism Ontario was forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk on March 6, 2024.

As per information provided by the organization, Autism Ontario is dedicated to raising public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact.

Council has previously granted this request.

National Volunteer Week

The request for proclamation from Volunteer Connect York Region was forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk on March 4, 2024.

Proclaiming this week is an opportunity to thank and celebrate volunteers across the country for the work they do.

Previous Reports/Authority

World Autism Awareness Day

<https://pub-vaughan.escribemeetings.com/filestream.ashx?DocumentId=63879>

Analysis and Options

World Autism 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

National Volunteer Week

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Financial Impact

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

Operational Impact

The Communications, Marketing and Engagement team will oversee the promotion of these proclamations on corporate channels.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the requests, staff is recommending that April 2, 2024, be proclaimed as “World Autism Awareness Day”, that April 14 to April 20, 2024 be proclaimed as “National Volunteer Week”, and that the proclamations be posted on the City’s website and that the Communications, Marketing and Engagement 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 Autism Ontario, received on March 6, 2024
2. Proclamation Request Form from Volunteer Connect York Region, received on March 4, 2024

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