

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, April 16, 2024

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE:** PROCLAMATION REQUESTS: BUILDING SAFETY MONTH, INTERNATIONAL FIREFIGHTERS' DAY, MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS AWARENESS DAY AND ISRAEL'S 76TH INDEPENDENCE 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 above-noted proclamation requests.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the proclamation requests received for the month of May.

**Recommendations**

1. THAT the following be proclaimed:
  - a) The month of May as "Building Safety Month";
  - b) The day of May 4 as "International Firefighters' Day" on an annual basis going forward;
  - c) The day of May 8 as "Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day";
  - d) The day of May 14 as "Israel's 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day"; and
2. 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**

### **Building Safety Month**

The request for proclamation was received from the Building Standards Department on March 15, 2024.

The Ontario Building Officials Association celebrates Building Safety Month every May to bring awareness to the Ontario Building Code and to promote the importance of obtaining building permits, as well as highlight the contributions of Municipal Building Officials.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **International Firefighters' Day**

The request for an annually occurring proclamation was received from Vaughan Fire & Rescue Services (VFRS).

International Firefighters' Day is observed on May 4 to honour firefighters for their service as well as remember firefighters who lost their lives during service.

### **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day**

The request for proclamation was received from York Region MY MS FAMILY COMMUNITY on November 13, 2023.

As per information provided by the organization, MY MS FAMILY COMMUNITY services hundreds of members with financial and equipment subsidies each month. By raising awareness of Multiple Sclerosis, the organization is hoping to increase funding to members.

In addition to the proclamation request, a flag raising request was submitted to commemorate this date which will be reviewed by the City Clerk as per the City's Flag Raising Policy.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **Israel's 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

The request for proclamation was received from The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs on March 14, 2024.

In addition to the proclamation request, a flag raising request was submitted to commemorate this date which will be reviewed by the City Clerk as per the City's Flag Raising Policy.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

#### **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day**

[Committee of the Whole \(2\) - April 18, 2023](#)

#### **Israel's 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

[Committee of the Whole \(2\) - March 8, 2022](#)

### **Analysis and Options**

#### **Building Safety Month**

The proclamation 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.

#### **International Firefighters' Day**

The proclamation 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.

#### **Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day**

The proclamation 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.

#### **Israel's 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day**

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:
  - 2.1.1. Arts, culture or heritage commemorations in the City of Vaughan

## **Financial Impact**

There is no financial impact expected in regard 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 the following be proclaimed: the month of May as “Building Safety Month”; the day of May 4 as “International Firefighters’ Day” on an annual basis going forward; the day of May 8 as “Multiple Sclerosis Awareness Day”; the day of May 14 as “Israel’s 76<sup>th</sup> Independence Day”, and, also, that these 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. Proclamation Request Form received from the City of Vaughan Building Standards Department.
2. Proclamation Request Form received from VFRS.
3. Proclamation Request Form received from York Region MY MS FAMILY COMMUNITY.
4. Proclamation Request Form received from The Centre for Israel and Jewish Affairs.

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