

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2024**

Item 34, Report No. 25 of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 25, 2024.

**34. PROCLAMATION REQUESTS: ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH, RVT MONTH, WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK AND NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER & RESCUE APPRECIATION WEEK**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Legal and Administrative Services & City Solicitor, dated June 18, 2024:

**Recommendations**

1. That the following be proclaimed:
  - a) The month of September 2024 as “Arthritis Awareness Month”;
  - b) The month of October 2024 as “RVT Month”;
  - c) The day of October 6, 2024 as “World CP Awareness Day”;
  - d) The week of October 20 – 26, 2024 as “Local Government Week”; and
  - e) The week of November 3 – 9, 2024 as “National Animal Shelter & Rescue Appreciation Week”.
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.

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, June 18, 2024

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS: ARTHRITIS AWARENESS MONTH, RVT MONTH, WORLD CEREBRAL PALSY AWARENESS DAY, LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK AND NATIONAL ANIMAL SHELTER & RESCUE APPRECIATION WEEK**

**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**

- Proclamation requests are received and council approval is sought.

**Recommendations**

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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**

### **Arthritis Awareness Month**

Correspondence was received from the Arthritis Society of Canada on June 4, 2024, making a request for proclamation.

The Arthritis Society is a non-profit organization, and Canada's national charity dedicated to raising awareness, mobilizing and engaging communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis.

### **RVT Month and National Animal Shelter & Rescue Appreciation Week**

Correspondence was received from Vaughan Animal Services on January 17, 2024, making the request for proclamation.

RVT (Registered Veterinary Technician) Month recognizes and celebrates the integral work that veterinary technologists do, and the crucial service in the field of animal healthcare.

National Animal Shelter & Rescue Appreciation Week recognizes the animal shelters and rescues that provide care to millions of displaced and lost animals. The devoted staff come to the aid of these animals, providing temporary shelter until they are returned to their owners or are adopted into their forever homes.

### **World CP Awareness Day**

Correspondence was received from Flex for Access Inc. on May 23, 2024, making the request for proclamation.

Flex for Access Inc. is a registered non-profit organization for Cerebral Palsy. They use fitness and sport as a means of managing CP and other physical disabilities and injuries.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **Local Government Week**

Correspondence was received from the Office of the City Clerk on May 14, 2024, making the request for proclamation.

Local Government Week is an annual event celebrated across Ontario, aimed at educating students and citizens about the importance and operation of municipal government, and encouraging civic participation. It is an opportunity to recognize the

values of community service, dedication, and excellence in public service, exemplified by the dedicated individuals who serve the community.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

#### **World CP Awareness Day**

[Committee of the Whole \(2\) - June 6, 2023](#)

### **Analysis and Options**

#### **Arthritis Awareness Month**

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

#### **RVT Month and National Animal Shelter & Rescue Appreciation Week**

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

#### **World CP 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

#### **Local Government Week**

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### **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 dates be proclaimed:

- a) The month of September, 2024 as “Arthritis Awareness Month”
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Additionally, staff recommends 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. Proclamation Request Letter from the Arthritis Society of Canada
2. Proclamation Request Form from Vaughan Animal Services
3. Proclamation Request Form from Vaughan Animal Services
4. Proclamation Request Form from Flex for Access Inc.
5. Proclamation Request Form from the Office of the City Clerk

## **Prepared by**

Shari Gouzvaris, Acting Supervisor, City Clerk’s Administrative Services, ext. 8839

# ATTACHMENT 1

## Proclamation Request

### WHEREAS

Nationwide community support has been critical throughout Arthritis Society Canada's 76-year history, enabling the organization to fulfill its mission to fight the fire of arthritis with research, advocacy, innovation, information and support.

### WHEREAS

Arthritis is a serious disease that causes debilitating pain, restricts mobility and diminishes quality of life. Six million people in Canada – 1 in 5 – live every day with the brutal realities of arthritis and there is no cure. Without a greater spotlight on this growing issue, the number of people in Canada with arthritis will rise to nine million by 2040.

### WHEREAS

During Arthritis Awareness Month this September, we will raise awareness, mobilize and engage communities to understand the devastating impact of arthritis, and stand with us to fight for an arthritis-free future.

We recognize the work underway to develop a nationwide Arthritis Action Plan to take on the big issues of arthritis, including prevention, equitable access to care and treatment, and elevating the urgency of the disease.

### WHEREAS

Arthritis Society Canada is Canada's national charity dedicated to extinguishing arthritis for good.

We respectfully request that Vaughan issue a proclamation declaring September Arthritis Awareness Month to help us reach your community with our message and to illustrate your support for those living with the disease, and their families.

Last year, 52 communities across the country helped raise awareness of the devastating impact of arthritis and we are hoping to increase our numbers this year. With your help we can achieve this goal.

If you have any questions about this request, please don't hesitate to reach out to my colleague, [tle@arthritis.ca](mailto:tle@arthritis.ca)

With gratitude for your consideration,



Laura Mandell  
Vice President, Marketing & Communications

## FLAG RAISING & PROCLAMATION REQUEST FORM

I am requesting the following (please select all that apply):

**Flag Raising** (*Complete Parts 1-3, Parts 5 & 6, Annex A, Annex B*)

**Proclamation** (*Complete Parts 1-4*)

### PART 1: ORGANIZATION DETAILS

ORGANIZATION NAME

ORGANIZATION TYPE

### PART 2: REQUESTER DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

APT/UNIT NUMBER

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

### PART 3: ALTERNATE CONTACT DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

FIRST NAME

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APT/UNIT NUMBER

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## PART 4: PROCLAMATION REQUEST DETAILS

**CAUSE/EVENT/COMMEMORATION TO BE PROCLAIMED** (*Written as you want it to be Declared by Council*)

**DAY**

**WEEK**

**MONTH**

## PART 5: FLAG RAISING DETAILS

**CAUSE/EVENT/COMMEMORATION TO BE RECOGNIZED**

**FLAG TO BE RAISED** (*Please attach an image of the flag to this form*)

**ANTHEM OR MUSIC TO BE PLAYED** (*If required*)

**WILL THERE BE A PUBLIC EVENT AT CITY HALL FOLLOWING THE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY?**

**YES** - To book an appropriate space at City Hall and required equipment following the ceremony, please contact Recreation Services by telephone at (905) 832-8500 or by email at [RecCSD@vaughan.ca](mailto:RecCSD@vaughan.ca).

**NO**

## PART 6: PUBLIC CEREMONY DETAILS

The City of Vaughan endeavors to accommodate the requestor's preferred date, however it is **NOT GUARANTEED**. To assist in scheduling your public ceremony, we ask you to designate up to 3 alternate dates for booking.

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Flex for Access Inc.

ORGANIZATION TYPE

Public Institution Non-Profit organization

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LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

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FIRST NAME

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STREET ADDRESS

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flexforaccess@gmail.com

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Maurizio

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