

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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

Purpose

To seek approval for the above-noted proclamation requests.

Report Highlights

- Proclamation requests are received and council approval is sought.

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.

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

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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

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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:

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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

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