

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 26 2024

Item 23, Report No. 10 of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 26, 2024.

23. PROCLAMATION REQUESTS - WORLD AUTISM AWARENESS DAY AND NATIONAL VOLUNTEER 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 March 19, 2024:

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.

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

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2. THAT April 14 to April 20, 2024, be proclaimed as “National Volunteer Week”;
and
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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.escrimemeetings.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

Prepared by

Julia Bartolomeo, Supervisor, City Clerk’s Administrative Services, ext. 8280

Approved by



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

Reviewed by



Nick Spensieri, City Manager

ATTACHMENT 1

From: Ramela Garcia <ramela.garcia@autismontario.com>

Sent: Monday, March 4, 2024 3:59 PM

To: mayor@vaughan.ca

Subject: [External] Celebrate the Spectrum on World Autism Awareness Day: Autism Ontario Invites You to “Fly the Flag” on April 2nd, 2024

CAUTION! This is an external email. Verify the sender's email address and carefully examine any links or attachments before clicking. If you believe this may be a phishing email, please use the Phish Alert Button.

Sent via email: mayor@vaughan.ca

Mayor Steven Del Duca
Office of the Mayor
City of Vaughan
2141 Major Mackenzie Drive
Vaughan ON L6A 1T1

Dear Mayor Del Duca,

World Autism Day is fast approaching. This is an excellent opportunity for your municipality to show support for autistic individuals across Ontario and in your communities.

Join Autism Ontario as we *Celebrate the Spectrum* this World Autism Day by purchasing a flag for our “Fly the Flag” campaign and formally proclaiming **April 2, 2024, as World Autism Awareness Day** to show your autism support. See attached proclamation request.

A flag can be purchased from our website at
<https://www.autismontario.com/civicrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=53>.

What is Celebrate the Spectrum?

Celebrate the Spectrum is our theme for World Autism Day celebrations. It is an opportunity for positive action to provide spaces of support and advocacy for our diverse communities while learning about autism, and how we can all make our communities better for autistic individuals. Similar to previous Autism Ontario World Autism Day campaigns, Celebrate the Spectrum unites families, schools, communities, businesses, government, and professionals in recognizing World Autism Day by celebrating people on the autism spectrum and bringing to light the systemic barriers that must be removed to create a more supportive and inclusive Ontario.

We are always available to help with resources and ideas on how you can get involved. *We hope you will Celebrate the Spectrum with us!* I can be reached via email or at the telephone number below to assist.

Take care,

AutismONTARIO



ANNIVERSARY

Ramela Garcia (she/her)

Fund and Volunteer Coordinator – Central East Region

Autism Ontario

autismontario.com

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Celebrate 50 years of autism advocacy with us!

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Pour les services en français, veuillez envoyer un courriel à melanie@autismontario.com.



(Mayor name or designate) of the city of (city name) do hereby proclaim
April 2 as World Autism Day

- WHEREAS:** World Autism Day will be recognized on April 2, 2024, in Canada thanks to Senator Jim Munson’s Bill S-206, *An Act Respecting World Autism Awareness Day*; and
- WHEREAS:** Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) affects more than 135,000 Ontarians. Autism Spectrum Disorder is a neurodevelopmental disorder affecting 1 in every 66 Canadian children, as well as their friends, family, and community; and approximately 1 - 2% of the Canadian population is on the autism spectrum.
- WHEREAS:** ASD is a spectrum disorder, which means it not only manifests itself differently in every individual in whom it appears, but its characteristics will change over the life of each person as well. A child on the autism spectrum will become an adult on the autism spectrum; and
- WHEREAS:** Autism Ontario is the leading source of information and referral on autism and one of the largest collective voices representing the autism community. Since 1973, Autism Ontario has been providing support, information, and opportunities for thousands of families and individuals across the province.
- WHEREAS:** Autism Ontario is dedicated to increasing public awareness about autism and the day-to-day issues faced by individuals with autism, their families, and the professionals with whom they interact. The association and its Regions share common goals of providing information and education, supporting research, and advocating for programs and services for the autism community; and
- THEREFORE:** I (Mayor Name or Designate), do hereby declare April 2 as World Autism Day.

Dated at (municipality), Ontario this 2nd day of April, 2024.

(Nom du maire ou de son représentant désigné) de la ville
de (nom de la ville), proclame, par la présente,
Le 2 avril Journée mondiale de l'autisme



- ATTENDU :** Que la Journée mondiale de l'autisme sera reconnue officiellement au Canada, le 2 avril 2024, grâce au sénateur Jim Munson qui a présenté et fait adopter le projet de loi S-206 instituant la *Loi sur la Journée mondiale de sensibilisation à l'autisme*; et
- ATTENDU :** Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme affecte plus de 135 000 personnes en Ontario. Le trouble du spectre de l'autisme est un trouble neurodéveloppemental qui touche un enfant canadien sur 66 ainsi que leurs amis, leurs familles et la collectivité; environ 1 à 2 % de la population canadienne est aux prises avec le trouble du spectre de l'autisme.
- ATTENDU :** Que le trouble du spectre de l'autisme (TSA) se manifeste différemment chez chaque personne qu'il touche et que ses caractéristiques se modifieront tout au long de la vie de chacun. Autrement dit, un enfant autiste deviendra un adulte autiste.
- ATTENDU :** Qu'Autisme Ontario est la principale source d'information et de référence sur l'autisme et l'une des plus importantes voix collectives qui représentent la communauté autiste. Que, depuis 1973, Autisme Ontario fournit un soutien, de l'information et des possibilités à exploiter à des milliers de familles, dans l'ensemble de la province;
- ATTENDU :** Qu'Autisme Ontario ne ménage aucun effort pour sensibiliser le public à l'autisme et aux difficultés quotidiennes auxquelles sont confrontés les personnes autistes elles-mêmes, leurs familles et les professionnels qui interviennent auprès d'elles. Que l'association et ses régions partagent des buts communs d'information et d'éducation, de soutien à la recherche et de revendication de programmes et de services pour la communauté de l'autisme; et
- POUR CES MOTIFS :** Je, (maire de la ville ou son remplaçant désigné), déclare, par la présente, que le 2 avril devient Journée mondiale de l'autisme.

Fait à (nom de la municipalité), Ontario, ce 2e jour d'avril 2024.

ATTACHMENT 2



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

Volunteer Connect York Region

ORGANIZATION TYPE

Public Institution / Charitable

PART 2: REQUESTER DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

RAITA

FIRST NAME

MIRJA

STREET ADDRESS

Po Box 77017, RPO Highway 7, 6579 Highway 7

APT/UNIT NUMBER

CITY/TOWN

Markham

PROVINCE

ON

POSTAL CODE

L3P 0C8

EMAIL ADDRESS

mirja.raita@volunteerconnect.ca

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PART 3: ALTERNATE CONTACT DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

Thanah

FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

Same as above

APT/UNIT NUMBER

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

ON

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PART 4: PROCLAMATION REQUEST DETAILS

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

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK - April 14-20
Celebrated with your local Volunteer Centre: Volunteer Conned York Region

DAY

WEEK

MONTH

PART 5: FLAG RAISING DETAILS

CAUSE/EVENT/COMMEMORATION TO BE RECOGNIZED

National Volunteer Week is a time to celebrate and thank Canada's 24 million volunteers.

2024 Theme: Every Moment Matters - Highlighting every volunteer and each contribution they make in a moment where it is needed more than ever.

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.

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.

PREFERRED CEREMONY DATE	ALTERNATE CEREMONY DATE 1
ALTERNATE CEREMONY DATE 2	ALTERNATE CEREMONY DATE 3

TIME OF DAY PREFERENCE

AM (09:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

PM (12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.)