

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, March 04, 2025

TITLE: HONOURING SICKKIDS' LEGACY AND CONTRIBUTIONS ON ITS 150TH ANNIVERSARY

FROM:

Mayor Steven Del Duca

Whereas, The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) has been a cornerstone of pediatric healthcare for 150 years, making transformative contributions to the health and well-being of children in Vaughan, across Canada, and around the world; and

Whereas, SickKids has led groundbreaking medical research, innovative treatments, and life-saving interventions that have set global standards in paediatric medicine; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan shares a commitment to healthcare excellence, innovation, and community well-being, aligning with the values and achievements of SickKids; and

Whereas, in 2013, SickKids launched Boomerang Health (located at Jane Street and Rutherford Road) as a new, independent and wholly owned, healthcare centre to create more access to community-based services for babies, children and adolescents; and

Whereas, the 150th anniversary of SickKids represents a historic milestone, celebrating a century and a half of medical firsts, scientific breakthroughs, and compassionate care delivered by remarkable medical professionals, doctors, nurses, front-line staff and administrators for children and families; and

Whereas, as part of its celebrations, SickKids is launching a public art initiative featuring 150 balloon sculptures to commemorate its legacy and inspire communities across Canada; and

Whereas, Vaughan has the opportunity to showcase its support for SickKids' mission and history by participating in this initiative and displaying one of the commemorative balloon sculptures in a prominent public space; and

Whereas, Vaughan is a creative City that animates public space in various ways including, in 2023, piloting the ARTonBOXES traffic signal box original art wrap program. Over the next ten years, ARTonBOXES will animate more than 100 pieces of public infrastructure. The curated theme for 2025 is the ARTofHEALING. This theme is dedicated to exploring the ART of HEALING – an inspired intersection of art meeting health – where art plays centre stage in supporting our physical, mental, and social well-being.

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the City of Vaughan officially recognizes, proclaims, and celebrates the 150th anniversary of SickKids and expresses its gratitude for the hospital's contributions to healthcare and community well-being; and
2. That the City of Vaughan agrees to participate in the SickKids 150th Anniversary Initiative by displaying a commemorative balloon sculpture in the atrium of Vaughan City Hall as a tribute to SickKids' legacy; and
3. That the City of Vaughan explores additional opportunities to mark this milestone in collaboration with SickKids, including but not limited to, a future illumination or event to mark the hospital's 150th Anniversary; and
4. That the Deputy City Manager, Strategic Initiatives, or designate, be authorized to take such steps and execute such agreement(s) as may be necessary to give effect to the foregoing resolutions, in a form satisfactory to Legal Services.

Financial and Staff Resource Impact:

This Member's Resolution has no financial impacts. Existing staff resources will support the implementation of the abovementioned recommendations.

Attachment:

1. Letter from Lara Pietrolungo, Executive Director, [Boomerang Health](#) powered by SickKids