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Inclusion and Community Outreach

Advisory Committee – May 12, 2025

Item No. 2

Annual City-led Pride Month Ceremony

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Purpose of Report

- ▶ City's ongoing efforts to raise awareness about Pride Month.
- ▶ Support the local 2SLGBTQI+ community.
- ▶ Request support from Council for an annual **City-led** event to celebrate Pride Month.

Report Highlights

- ▶ Vaughan Council received a presentation in June 2023 on recognizing and celebrating the City's diverse 2SLGBTQI+ communities.
- ▶ Past and Ongoing Initiatives
 - The City has proclaimed Pride Week every year since 2003 and Pride Month since 2020, with events including official flag-raising ceremonies.
 - In March 2022, a rainbow crosswalk, planters, and a bench were installed at Vaughan City Hall.
 - Vaughan Public Libraries (VPL) offer inclusive programs and services during Pride Month.
 - The City and VPL participate annually in the York Region Pride march.
 - New events role funded to support cultural celebrations, including Pride Month.

Recommendations Approved

- ▶ Starting June 2025, the City will host an annual Pride event, which may include a flag-raising and community celebration, to further strengthen its commitment to 2SLGBTQI+ inclusion.





Thank you!

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