

Council Report

DATE: Wednesday, October 02, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the City's online corporate channels.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A).
- Proclamation requested for the month of October.

Recommendations

1. That October 2019 be proclaimed as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month"; and,
2. That the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the City's online corporate channels.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Marketing Committee of the O.R.S.A. on September 23, 2019.

Rett Syndrome is a rare neurodevelopmental condition that affects mainly females and is caused by a mutation in the X chromosome.

The O.R.S.A. hopes that a proclamation will give a means to focus attention on Rett Syndrome, making it possible for the association to raise awareness and advocacy, and continue providing parent and family support through the Resource Centre, conferences, and funding research projects and the three Rett Syndrome clinics in Ontario.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

The proclamation meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns, or other similar matters:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act."

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 2019 be proclaimed as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote this proclamation through the City's online corporate channels.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

Attachment

1. Correspondence from the Marketing Committee, O.R.S.A., dated September 19, 2019

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