

## Committee of the Whole (1) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, September 17, 2019

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH**

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 2019 as Caribbean Heritage Month and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the proclamation request received from the Founder and President of the Caribbean Women's Society.
- Proclamation requested for the month of October.

**Recommendations**

1. That October 2019 be proclaimed as "Caribbean Heritage Month", and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Background**

Correspondence was received from the Founder and President of the Caribbean Women's Society in the Office of the City Clerk on May 9, 2019 making the request for proclamation.

Ontario is home to a large Caribbean-Canadian community; this diverse group represents forty-two Caribbean nations, regions, and territories. By proclaiming the month of October as Caribbean Heritage Month, the municipality would be joining

several other municipalities in the GTA in recognizing the contributions Caribbean-Canadians have made to the province's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

Not applicable.

### **Analysis and Options**

This proclamation request 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: If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter."

### **Financial Impact**

Not applicable.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that October 2019 be proclaimed as Caribbean Heritage Month and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**For more information**, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, x8281

### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from Founder and President, Caribbean Women's Society, received on May 9, 2019

### **Prepared by**

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