

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
RECOVERY MONTH**

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

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

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from the Policy & Outreach Coordinator of Caritas School of Life.
- Proclamation requested for the month of September.

Recommendations

1. That September 2019 be proclaimed as "Recovery Month"; and,
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence was received from the Policy & Outreach Coordinator of Caritas School of Life on July 26, 2019 making the request for proclamation.

Recovery Month promotes the societal benefits of prevention, treatment and recovery for mental health and substance use disorders, celebrates people in recovery, lauds the contributions of treatment and service providers, and promotes the message that recovery in all its forms is possible. A proclamation for Recovery Month may spread the

positive message that behavioral health is essential to overall health, that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

The 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:

- (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

The National Recovery Day Committee is requesting September 5, 2019 as the launch for Recovery Month York Region, to be celebrated with a flag raising ceremony at Vaughan City Hall.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that September 2019 be proclaimed as Recovery 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 Policy & Outreach Coordinator, Caritas School of Life, received July 26, 2019

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