

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 2, 2019 as Wrongful Conviction Day and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the proclamation request received from Innocence Canada.
- Proclamation requested for October 2, 2019.

**Recommendations**

1. That October 2, 2019 be proclaimed as "Wrongful Conviction Day"; and,
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Background**

Correspondence was received from a representative for Innocence Canada on August 22, 2019 making the request for proclamation.

The purpose of Wrongful Conviction Day is to spread awareness about wrongful convictions and the effects these convictions have on individuals, their families and society. In proclaiming this day, Innocence Canada aims to decrease the amount of

wrongful convictions in Canada by encouraging the justice system to address issues that contribute to wrongful convictions.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Committee of the Whole – September 17, 2018](#)

### **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 an 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 2, 2019 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction Day 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 Innocence Canada, received on August 22, 2019

### **Prepared by**

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