

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF OCTOBER 2, 2019

Item 13, Report No. 24, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on October 2, 2019.

13. PROCLAMATION REQUEST CHILD CARE WORKER AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated September 17, 2019:

Recommendations

1. That October 24, 2019 be proclaimed as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day; and,
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 17, 2019

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
CHILD CARE WORKER AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR
APPRECIATION DAY**

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 24, 2019 as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care and CUPE, Ontario Division.
- Proclamation requested for October 24, 2019.

Recommendations

1. That October 24, 2019 be proclaimed as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day; and,
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Background

Correspondence making a request for proclamation was received from the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care in conjunction with CUPE, Ontario Division, in the Office of the Mayor on July 30, 2019 and forwarded to the Office of the City Clerk.

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 any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act".

This annual awareness day recognizes the education, skills, commitment and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and child care staff. This is the nineteenth year this day has been acknowledged by the Ontario Coalition for Better Childcare, CUPE, and labour and community partners around Ontario.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 24, 2019 be proclaimed as Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation 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 the President of Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care and President of CUPE, Ontario Division, dated July 24, 2019

Prepared by

Julia Bartolomeo, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services, x8280



July 24, 2019

Re: 19th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 24, 2019

To Ontario mayors and councils,

The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) and other labour and community partners around Ontario have announced **Thursday, October 24, 2019** as the 19th annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, a day of recognition for the many people who work providing early learning and child care services in your community.

Our theme again this year is: ***Champions for Children.***

This annual awareness day recognizes the education, skills, commitment and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and child care staff, and each year is proclaimed by municipalities and school boards across Ontario. Many groups are recognized by way of municipal resolution. Such a day allows us to acknowledge the important contributions of child care workers and ECEs.

We are writing to ask that you and your Council consider proclaiming Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day in your municipality. A sample proclamation is attached.

Even if your council does not issue official proclamations, there are many ways for your municipality to participate in celebrating this special day:

- Your council could sponsor a public announcement;
- Display our posters and distribute our buttons;
- Many municipalities organize events and contests for the day or have councilors or the mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres within the municipality.
- A document of further ideas and examples is attached.

We would love to acknowledge those municipalities celebrating child care workers and ECEs across Ontario on October 24, 2019. Let us know how your municipality is participating in the recognition day and we will add your municipality to our list of proclamations and celebrations.

Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Carolyn Ferns, by mail: Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, 489 College St., Suite 206, Toronto, ON M6G 1A5, by fax at 416-538-6737, or by email at: carolyn@childcareontario.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila Olan-Maclean
President, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

Fred Hahn
President, CUPE Ontario Division



CHILD CARE WORKER & ECE APPRECIATION DAY 2019

19TH ANNIVERSARY – OCTOBER 24TH, 2019

*This year marks the 19th annual Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, which will be held on **Thursday October 24th 2019**. On this day we recognize the hard work, meaningful care and continuous learning these educators provide children every day. This year's theme is **CHAMPIONS FOR CHILDREN** in recognition of the essential role that educators play in the lives of our youngest learners.*

Ideas to celebrate the day!

Municipalities

- Place an ad in the local newspaper announcing Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day.
- Take nominations from local child care centres for outstanding staff to be recognized by the Mayor through a letter, announcement or event.
- Encourage local councillors to tour child care centres to find out more about this important work. Event could also generate media coverage.
- Organize a community-wide celebration to recognize individual staff or centres and programs.

School Boards

- Insert the day on the monthly calendar of October.
- Arrange to have the day announced on the PA the morning of Thursday October 24th.
- Encourage classes of grade 7 and 8 students to visit the child care centre. Students may ask the educators about their role as an ECE.
- Set up a Wall of Fame where parents have the opportunity to say thank you to each staff.
- Place our poster on school bulletin boards.

Child care centres

- Host a pizza lunch for the staff. Give each staff member a certificate of appreciation.
- Have every staff in the centre vote on one child care champion of the year.
- Set up a board near the entrance of the centre where parents may write thank you notes.
- Place our poster on the door to show everyone that it is Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day!

Show ECEs your appreciation on social media

- Share photos of how you're celebrating Child Care Worker and ECE Appreciation Day.
- Use the hashtags **#Champion4Children** and **#ECEappreciation** and tag us **@ChildCareON**
- Share an event prior to the date to raise awareness and get more people involved.
- Write a kind message about a child care provider you know.

Contact the OCBCC to order posters and buttons by Tuesday October 1st to ensure delivery.

Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care

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