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Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Monday, September 17, 2018

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY**

FROM:

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim October 2, 2018 as Wrongful Conviction Day and to post the proclamation on the City's website and City Page Online.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request received from Innocence Canada.
- Proclamation requested for October 2, 2018.

Recommendations

1. That October 2, 2018 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction Day in the City of Vaughan; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

Background

Correspondence was received from Innocence Canada on May 7, 2018 in the Office of the City Clerk making the request.

This request has been previously granted by Council, most recently in 2016.

Previous Reports/Authority

[Item 39, Report No. 27 of the Committee of the Whole - Wrongful Conviction Day](#)

Analysis and Options

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

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issues 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."

Innocence Canada is a not-for-profit organization which works to decrease the amount of wrongful convictions in Canada. The purpose of Wrongful Conviction Day is to spread awareness about this issue and how these convictions affect the convicted individuals, their families, and societies at large.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact with respect to this request.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that October 2, 2018 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction Day and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and City Page Online.

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

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Innocence Canada, dated May 7, 2018

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