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## Committee of the Whole Report

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**DATE:** Monday, September 17, 2018

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
PULMONARY HYPERTENSION AWARENESS MONTH**

**FROM:**

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim November as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month and to post the proclamation on the City's Website and the City Page Online.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received from the Pulmonary Hypertension Association (PHA) of Canada.
- Proclamation requested for November 2018.

**Recommendations**

1. That November be proclaimed as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month;  
and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

**Background**

Correspondence requesting this proclamation was received from the Communications & Engagement Coordinator of PHA of Canada on September 6, 2018.

Pulmonary Hypertension (PH) is a rare but potentially fatal lung disease that is thought to affect up to 10,000 Canadians. In PH, the arteries of the lungs become narrowed and

scarred, which can result in closing of the arteries. PH has similar symptoms to other conditions which can sometimes lead to misdiagnosis. Without treatment, the average life expectancy of someone with PH is less than three years. Though there is currently no cure available, awareness of the disease can bring attention to the need for earlier diagnosis which increases chances of survival for those who have it.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Item 37, Report No. 39 of the Committee of the Whole - Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month](#)

### **Analysis and Options**

Correspondence from the Communications & Engagement Coordinator of PHA was received in the Office of the City Clerk on September 6, 2018.

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**

Not applicable.

### **Conclusion**

Staff is asking for Council approval to proclaim November 2018 as Pulmonary Hypertension Awareness Month and to post the proclamation on the City's website and the City Page Online.

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

### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from Communications and Engagement Coordinator, Pulmonary Hypertension Association of Canada, dated September 6, 2018

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