

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Monday, March 09, 2020

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST - NATIONAL PROCUREMENT
MONTH – MARCH**

FROM:

Michael Coroneos, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services and Chief Financial Officer

ACTION: FOR INFORMATION

Purpose

To request that Council proclaim the month of March as “National Procurement Month” on an annual basis.

Report Highlights

- Each year, March is recognized as National Procurement Month by various Public Procurement Associations in North America.
- Celebrations throughout the month of March are dedicated to honouring procurement professionals and recognizing their commitment to the profession.

Recommendations

1. That the month of March be proclaimed as National Procurement Month, on an annual basis.

Background

Global public procurement spend is estimated at around \$8.5 trillion USD annually, representing an average of 13% of GDP and makes up about one third of total government expenditures in The Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) countries.

Behind these significant numbers are procurement professionals working diligently to ensure transparency, fairness, competition, and best value for public funds.

During the fiscal year 2019, Procurement Services at the City of Vaughan supported client departments with 363 procurement transactions totaling \$92 million, representing a 30% increase in procurement value over the previous fiscal year.

National Procurement Month – March, on an annual basis, is a time to celebrate the role of the public procurement profession and acknowledge an elite group of professionals that have made a difference in governmental efficiency and effectiveness.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not applicable.

Analysis and Options

National Procurement Month – March, on an annual basis, presents an opportunity to recognize the importance of procurement's work and the impact it has on society.

The Procurement Service team at the City of Vaughan is modernizing the sourcing process and collaborating with client departments in delivering the services and infrastructure that make up our public lives.

New technologies continue to evolve procurement, creating a more efficient approach to strategic sourcing. With the shift towards strategic sourcing, e-procurement bid, contract management and vendor management software save the organization time so that it can focus on service excellence initiatives and supplier relationships.

The underlying theme for all activities during National Procurement Month – March is the promotion and recognition of the field of Public Procurement, honouring procurement professionals and recognizing their commitment to the profession.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact with respect to this report.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that March be proclaimed as National Procurement Month on an

annual basis, and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamations through the various corporate channels.

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Attachments

None

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