

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Wednesday, May 20, 2020

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST - RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH**

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website, and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications Department be directed to promote this proclamation through the various corporate channels.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received from Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A).
- Proclamation requested for the month of October.

**Recommendations**

1. That October 2020 be proclaimed as "Rett Syndrome Awareness Month"; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website, and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications Department be directed to promote the proclamation through the various corporate channels.

**Background**

Correspondence was received from the Marketing Committee of the O.R.S.A.

The O.R.S.A. was created to ensure children and adults with Rett Syndrome, which is a rare neurodevelopment condition, are enabled to achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life possible.

This proclamation would focus attention on Rett Syndrome, making it possible for the association to continue public awareness and advocacy, provide parent/family support, operate the Resource Centre and fund research projects, amongst other initiatives.

Council has previously approved this request.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Council - October 2, 2019](#)

### **Analysis and Options**

The proclamation 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 recommending that the month of October 2020 be proclaimed as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website, and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications Department be directed to promote this proclamation through the various corporate channels.

**For more information**, please contact Todd Coles, City Clerk, ext. 8281

### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from the Marketing Committee, Ontario Rett Syndrome Association, received on March 9, 2020

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