

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2020

WARD(S): ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS: FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY AND
WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY**

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for proclamation requests for: Franco-Ontarian Day and World Sickle Cell Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from L'Association des francophones de la region de York (L'AFRY) regarding a proclamation for Franco-Ontario Day on September 25, 2020.
- Respond to the proclamation request received from Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario (SCAGO) regarding a proclamation for World Sickle Cell Day on June 19, 2020.

Recommendations

1. That September 25, 2020 be proclaimed as "Franco-Ontarian Day";
2. That June 19, 2020 be proclaimed as "World Sickle Cell Day"; and
3. That the proclamations be posted on the City's website and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

Franco-Ontarian Day

Correspondence was received from L'AFRY on April 16, 2020.

Recognizing the date of September 25 as Franco-Ontarian Day is meaningful to Franco-Ontarians to commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of Etienne Brule. This is a day of importance for Franco-Ontarians to celebrate the anniversary of their flag as well as the presence of the Franco-Ontarian community in both York Region and the province of Ontario.

Council has previously granted this request.

World Sickle Cell Day

Correspondence was received from SCAGO on May 13, 2020.

Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) or Sickle Cell Anemia is a hereditary genetic disease characterized by the presence of abnormal crescent-shaped red blood cells which can affect Canadians of specific cultural backgrounds. The organization is hoping that by recognizing June 19 as World Sickle Cell Day, public awareness of this disease would be increased, as well as the importance of education and genetic testing.

This is a new request.

Previous Reports/Authority

Franco-Ontarian Day - [Committee of the Whole - April 2, 2019](#)

Analysis and Options

Franco-Ontarian Day

The proclamation meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of Section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.1. Arts, culture or heritage commemorations in the City of Vaughan.

World Sickle Cell Day

The proclamation meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy 03.C.10, as follows:

- 2.1. For the purposes of Section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns.

Financial Impact

Not applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that September 25, 2020, be proclaimed as Franco-Ontarian Day; that June 19, 2020, be proclaimed as World Sickle Cell Day; that the proclamations be posted on the City's website; and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamations through the various corporate channels.

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

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Director of Community Services, L'AFRY, received on April 16, 2020.
2. Correspondence from Communications and Marketing Manager, SCAGO, received on May 13, 2020.

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