

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 29, 2020

Item 13, Report No. 22, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 29, 2020.

13. UN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY IN VAUGHAN

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua, dated June 9, 2020.

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Mayor Bevilacqua

Whereas, World Environment Day was first recognized in 1974 by the United Nations to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment, and has subsequently been recognized by more than 100 countries, including Canada;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is dedicated to championing a healthier and greener environment that will continue to elevate the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors;

Whereas, in December 2019, Council adopted the new 2019 Green Directions Vaughan, the City's environmental sustainability plan that serves to guide all our city-building efforts toward initiatives that reinforce our commitment to environmental stewardship. This includes goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as enhance stormwater management, water conservation systems and waste reduction;

Whereas, Vaughan's commitment to environmental sustainability is woven into every aspect of city-building — from North Maple Regional Park, Vaughan's most ambitious park development with 900-acres of beautiful green space — to Edgeley Pond and Park, one of the city's state-of-the-art initiatives that will be the largest open space in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, the city's emerging downtown;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan remains committed to environmental initiatives that will continue to reduce our carbon footprint as well as strengthen our commitment to the environment, including our annual Earth Hour event, 20-minute Makeover, Community Garden Initiative, Electric Vehicle Workplace Charging Policy and Earth Day, among other initiatives;

It is therefore recommended that:

1. The Mayor proclaim June 5 as World Environment Day in Vaughan;
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Meeting/Date	Tuesday, June 9, 2020 – Committee of the Whole (1)
Title:	UN World Environment Day in Vaughan
Submitted by:	Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
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Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua