

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2020

Item 22, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 27, 2020.

22. PROCLAMATION REQUEST - RETT SYNDROME AWARENESS MONTH

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated, May 20, 2020:

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.

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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

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

Prepared by

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ATTACHMENT 1



Ontario
Rett Syndrome
Association
Building Healthy Tomorrows



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March 9, 2020

Request for Proclamation

Dear Council

On behalf of the Ontario Rett Syndrome Association (O.R.S.A.), and the diagnosed individuals living in the City of Vaughan, I am writing to request your proclamation of the month of October as Rett Syndrome Awareness Month.

Rett Syndrome is a rare neurodevelopment condition that affects mainly females (1 in 10,000 births) and is caused by a mutation in the X chromosome. Individuals with Rett syndrome will lose some if not most acquired skills including speech, and gross and fine motor skills. Some never develop the ability to walk or even talk.

O.R.S.A. exists to ensure that children and adults with Rett syndrome are enabled to achieve their full potential and enjoy the highest quality of life within their community.

This observance gives us a means to focus attention in making it possible for O.R.S.A. to continue public awareness and advocacy, provide parent/family support, operate the Resource Centre, fund research projects through the Hope Fund, host conferences, maintain the Canadian Rett Syndrome Registry, and fund three Rett syndrome clinics in Ontario that provide medical assistance.

If you need anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me by email: smiguel@rett.ca or phone at 519-474-6877.

Thank you for taking the time to consider recognizing and supporting O.R.S.A. as we strive to build "healthy tomorrows" for all Canadians living with Rett syndrome.

Sincerely,

Steve Miguel
Marketing Committee
Ontario Rett Syndrome Association