

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, September 22, 2020

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS**

**CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH, OLDER PERSONS DAY AND  
CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR  
APPRECIATION DAY**

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval for proclamation requests regarding the following: Caribbean Heritage Month, Older Persons Day, and Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the requests received from the Caribbean Women's Society (CWS), the Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC), and the Ontario Coalition of Better Child Care (OCBCC) and CUPE, Ontario Division.
- Proclamations requested for dates throughout the month of October.

**Recommendations**

1. That the month of October be proclaimed as "Caribbean Heritage Month" for this year and on an annual basis going forward;
2. That October 1, 2020 is proclaimed as "Older Persons Day";
3. That October 22, 2020 be proclaimed as "Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day"; and,

4. That the proclamations be posted on the City's website and the Corporate Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the corporate channels.

## **Background**

### **Caribbean Heritage Month**

Correspondence was received from the CWS requesting a proclamation.

Caribbean Heritage Month provides an opportunity to remember, celebrate and educate on Caribbean-Canadians and the important role that they have played and continue to play in communities across Ontario.

If approved, the City of Vaughan would be participating alongside other municipalities in recognizing the important contributions that Caribbean-Canadians have made.

Council has previously granted this request.

### **Older Persons Day**

Correspondence was received from the CURC requesting a proclamation.

The CURC is a retirement council that advocates for the rights of older people to live their lives in dignity by giving a focus on this vulnerable sector of society.

In 1990, the United Nations passed a resolution addressing the rights of older persons and declared October 1<sup>st</sup> as International Older Persons Day.

### **Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day**

Correspondence was received from the OCBCC in conjunction with CUPE, Ontario Division, requesting a proclamation.

This day recognizes the commitment, hard work and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and staff who work with young children. This year it is an especially important focus as COVID-19 recovery is underway and parents return to the workforce.

Yearly this day is proclaimed by the OCBCC, CUPE, school boards and many municipalities across Ontario.

Council has previously granted this request.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

Caribbean Heritage Month - [Committee of the Whole - September 17, 2019](#)

Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day - [Committee of the Whole - September 17, 2019](#)

## **Analysis and Options**

### **Caribbean Heritage Month**

The proclamation request 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

### **Older Persons Day**

The proclamation request 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;

### **Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day**

The proclamation request meets the requirements in 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 October be proclaimed as "Caribbean Heritage Month" for this year and subsequent years going forward; that October 1, 2020 be proclaimed as "Older Persons Day"; that October 22, 2020 be proclaimed as Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day; and finally, that the proclamations be posted on the City's website and the Corporate Communications department be directed to promote the proclamations through the corporate channels.

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

## **Attachments**

1. Correspondence from Founder and President, CWS
2. Correspondence from President, Toronto and Your Region, CURC
3. Correspondence from President, OCBCC and President, CUPE, Ontario Division, dated July 15, 2020

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