

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2020

Item 10, Report No. 40, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 29, 2020.

**10. PROCLAMATION REQUESTS - CARIBBEAN HERITAGE MONTH,
OLDER PERSONS DAY AND CHILD CARE WORKER & EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor, dated September 22, 2020:

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.

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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

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.

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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 1st 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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Dear Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua,

Please accept this letter of request to the join the City of Toronto, City of Markham, City of Pickering, City of Brampton, Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, Mayor of Toronto and Premier of Ontario in supporting Caribbean Women's Society and the Caribbean-Canadian community by proclaiming October as Caribbean Heritage Month in the City of Vaughan.

As background, Ontario is home to a large and vibrant Caribbean-Canadian community; a rich and diverse group representing forty-two Caribbean nations, regions and territories (more info here: www.ourchm.ca).

Since the first Caribbean immigrants arrived in Canada in the late 1700's, Caribbean-Canadians from across Ontario have made significant contributions across all fields; including, science, education, medicine, broadcasting, law, politics, business, sports and culture.

Caribbean-Canadians have helped build the City of Vaughan, Ontario and the country, into the multicultural success story that it is and have helped to build this province into the best place to live, work and raise families. They continue to help foster growth, prosperity and innovation throughout Ontario and Canada.

October is a significant month for the Caribbean-Canadian community. With the points system incorporated into the Immigration Regulations in October 1967, it meant that visitors, including Caribbeans, and their families were given the right to apply for immigrant status while in Canada. By 1970, immigration from, in part, the Caribbean represented over 23% of the total; compared to 10% four years previously.

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

By proclaiming the month of October as Caribbean Heritage Month, the City of Vaughan would be recognizing the important contributions that Caribbean-Canadians have made to the City of Vaughan's, Ontario's and the country's social, economic, political and cultural fabric.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

Camille Kerr, Founder and President
admin@ourcws.com



Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua
2141 Major Mackenzie Dr.
Vaughan ON
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Dear Mayor Bevilacqua,

In 1990 the United Nations passed a resolution addressing the rights of older persons and declaring October 1st as International Older Persons Day.

During this horrible pandemic people have more than ever expressed the love and compassion for some of the most eldest citizens in our society.

As a retirement council that advocates for the rights of older people to live their lives in dignity we believe there is much work to be done for those most vulnerable.

We are hoping that your council would join other communities around the world by proclaiming October 1st Older Persons Day for your city.

I thank you for your consideration

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Barry Stevens". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping "B" and a long, horizontal stroke at the end.

Barry Stevens
President, Toronto and Your Region
Congress of Union Retirees of Canada (CURC)
260 Windy Oaks, Mississauga ON
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July 15, 2020

Re: 20th Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 22, 2020

To Ontario mayors and councils,

We are writing to ask that you and your council proclaim and participate in Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day on Thursday, October 22, 2020. This day recognizes the commitment, hard work and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and staff who work with young children. Each year, the day is proclaimed by The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), municipalities and school boards across Ontario, and is marked by hundreds of child care centres, unions, and allies.

This year's Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is especially important as we recover from COVID-19. Child care centres are the cornerstone of our economic recovery and function to ensure that parents have the support they need to fully participate in the workforce.

If your council does not issue official proclamations, there are many ways for your municipality to participate in celebrating this important day:

- Your council sponsors a public announcement;
- Display our posters and distribute our buttons; and
- Organize events and contests for the day or have councilors or the mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres.

A sample proclamation and document outlining additional ways to recognize this important day is attached.

We would love to acknowledge municipalities who choose to celebrate child care workers and ECEs across Ontario on October 22, 2020. Please let us know how your municipality is participating in the appreciation day and we will add you to our list of proclamations and celebrations.

Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Carolyn Ferns, by mail: Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, 489 College St., Suite 206, Toronto, ON M6G 1A5, or by email at: carolyn@childcareontario.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila Olan-Maclean
President, OCBCC

Fred Hahn
President, CUPE Ontario Division



Le 15 juillet 2020

Objet : la 20^e Journée annuelle de reconnaissance des travailleurs des services éducatifs à l'enfance, le 22 octobre 2020

Aux maires et aux conseillers municipaux de l'Ontario,

Nous vous écrivons pour vous demander à vous et à votre Conseil municipal de proclamer et de célébrer la Journée de reconnaissance des travailleurs des services éducatifs à l'enfance, le jeudi 22 octobre 2020. Cette journée reconnaît l'engagement, le travail et le dévouement des éducateurs de la petite enfance (ÉPE) et du personnel qui travaillent avec les jeunes enfants. Chaque année, la journée est proclamée par la Coalition ontarienne pour de meilleurs services éducatifs à l'enfance (COMSÉE), le Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique (SCFP), les municipalités et les conseils scolaires de l'Ontario. Elle est célébrée par des centaines de garderies, de syndicats et d'alliés.

La Journée de reconnaissance des travailleurs des services éducatifs à l'enfance est particulièrement importante cette année alors que nous nous remettons de la COVID-19. Les garderies sont la pierre angulaire de notre reprise économique et elles voient à ce que les parents aient le soutien nécessaire pour participer pleinement au marché du travail.

Même si votre Conseil municipal n'émet pas de proclamation officielle, il y a de nombreuses façons de participer et de célébrer cette importante journée :

- Parrainer une annonce publique.
- Apposer nos affiches et distribuer nos macarons.
- Organiser des événements et des concours pendant la journée ou encore vous assurer que les conseillers municipaux et le maire participent à des activités organisées par les garderies.

Vous trouverez ci-joints un exemple de proclamation ainsi que des documents faisant ressortir d'autres manières de reconnaître cette importante journée.

Le 22 octobre 2020, nous tenons à reconnaître les conseils scolaires qui célébreront les ÉPE et les travailleurs en garderie, à l'échelle de l'Ontario. Veuillez nous informer de la façon dont votre municipalité participera à la Journée de reconnaissance et nous l'ajouterons à notre liste de proclamations et de célébrations.

Veuillez faire parvenir toute correspondance touchant les proclamations et/ou activités de célébration à l'attention de Carolyn Ferns, par la poste à la Coalition ontarienne pour de meilleurs services éducatifs à l'enfance, 489, rue College, bureau 206, Toronto (Ontario) M6G 1A57 ou par courriel à carolyn@childcareontario.org.

Nous vous remercions de l'attention que vous porterez à la présente.

Sheila Olan-Maclean
Présidente de la COMSÉE

Fred Hahn
Président de la Division de l'Ontario du SCFP