

Council Report

DATE: 2020-11-17

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST - NATIONAL DAY OF
REMEMBRANCE AND ACTION ON VIOLENCE AGAINST
WOMEN

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval to proclaim December 6, 2020 as the National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request received from the Executive Director of Yellow Brick House
- Proclamation requested for December 6, 2020

Recommendations

1. That December 6, 2020 be proclaimed "National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women; and,
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City Website

Background

Correspondence was received from the Executive Director of Yellow Brick House on November 6, 2020 making the request for proclamation.

The National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women honours the 14 women who lost their lives and those that were injured as a result of the gender-based violence that took place on December 6, 1989 at l'Ecole Polytechnique de Montreal. Yellow Brick House provides life-saving services and prevention programs to individuals, families and communities impacted by violence; providing support to over 6,200 women and children annually.

Previous Reports/Authority

The flag raising/half-masting policy (AD-014) includes the requirement that flags be lowered on December 6:

“2) Flags at the City of Vaughan Civic Centre and all its associated facilities, including Fire Stations, shall be flown at half-mast to commemorate the following special days in accordance with the protocol established by the government of Canada:

- April 28, National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed or Injured on the Job.
- November 11, Remembrance Day.
- December 6, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women.”

Yellow Brick House has requested the proclamation, in conjunction with the Purple Flag being raised at Vaughan City Hall.

Analysis and Options

The proclamation request 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 December 6, 2020 be proclaimed as National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

For more information, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk, x8281

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Executive Director, Yellow Brick House, received November 6, 2020.

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