

## CITY OF VAUGHAN

### **EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 26, 2021**

Item 11, Report No. 3, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on January 26, 2021.

#### **11. ILLUMINATION OF CITY HALL TO COMMEMORATE THE ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY OF KEIRA KAGAN'S MURDER**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the following resolution of Councillor Yeung Racco, dated January 25, 2021:

##### **Member's Resolution**

Submitted by Councillor Yeung Racco

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<b>Submitted by:</b>	<b>Ward 4 Councillor Sandra Yeung Racco</b>

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Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yeung Racco,  
Ward 4 Councillor

**Attachments**

1. Email request from Jennifer Kagan

**From:** [Jennifer Kagan](#)  
**To:** [Racco, Sandra](#)  
**Subject:** [External] Commemorating my daughter on one year anniversary of her murder- Vaughan resident  
**Date:** Tuesday, December 22, 2020 7:17:27 PM

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Hello Sandra

My name is Jennifer Kagan and I am the bereaved mom of Keira Kagan, the four year old girl found dead along with her biological father at Rattlesnake Point in Milton Ontario on Feb 9 of last year in what we know beyond a doubt was a murder suicide. You may have seen information in the media pertaining to this tragedy.

The one year point of Keira's tragic loss is upcoming and I was hoping the community would do something to honour her. I have attached an article below as to what the city of Mississauga did to honour little Riya Rajkumar who was killed in similar circumstance.

I think it is important for the region of Vaughan to honour Keira , a precious young life lost and send a message of solidarity to grieving family and community members. Many people in the community have been deeply affected by this tragedy and we are hopeful the region would extend some compassion to our family by helping to remember Keira similar to what was done in Mississauga.

I have attached a news article about Riya Rajkumar below and how the city of Mississauga honoured her. I have also reached out to Halton Region, however Keira was a resident of Vaughan (she lived primarily with me in Thornhill).

I look forward to hearing from you

Sincerely  
Jennifer Kagan

<https://www.insauga.com/mississauga-set-to-honour-riya-rajkumar-on-one-year-anniversary-of-her-death>

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