

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2021

Item 12, Report No. 6, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 17, 2021.

12. PROCLAMATION REQUEST PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY AND BUBBLES OF LOVE 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 February 9, 2021:

Recommendations

1. That April 25, 2021 be proclaimed as “Parental Alienation Awareness Day and Bubbles of Love Day”.
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications Department be directed to promote the above noted proclamation through the various corporate channels.

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, February 9, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST
PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY
AND BUBBLES OF LOVE DAY

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek Council approval for a proclamation request for Parental Alienation Awareness Day and Bubbles of Love Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the request from Against Parental Alienation of Canada Organization (APACO).
- Proclamation request for April 25, 2021.

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Background

Correspondence was received from Against Parental Alienation of Canada Organization requesting a proclamation.

Against Parental Alienation Day and Bubbles of Love Day provide an opportunity to share the message that children need to and should be allowed to give and receive the

love of both of their parents and extended families. People are encouraged to blow bubbles at 12:00 noon on April 25, as a fun and positive way to participate in sharing the message that 'love is the answer' for all children.

If approved, the City of Vaughan would be participating alongside other municipalities in recognizing the importance of this day.

Previous Reports/Authority

Not Applicable.

Analysis and Options

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. Public awareness campaigns

Financial Impact

Not Applicable.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not Applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that April 25, 2021 be proclaimed as Parental Alienation Awareness Day and Bubbles of Love Day; 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.

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

Attachments

1. Correspondence from Representative of Against Parental Alienation Canada Organization.
2. Bubbles of Love Day Flyer.

Prepared by

Shari Gouzvaris, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services, ext. 8280

Approved by

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Wendy Law
Deputy City Manager
Administrative Services & City Solicitor

Reviewed by

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Jim Harnum, City Manager

From: Monika Batta <lifecoachchildren@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, December 16, 2020 1:54 PM
To: Bevilacqua, Maurizio <Maurizio.Bevilacqua@vaughan.ca>
Subject: [External] Proclamation Request

Attachment - 1

Dear Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua,

I hope this finds you having a wonderful day! April 25, 2021 is the 11th annual international Parental Alienation Awareness Day and Bubbles of LOVE Day. This day is celebrated around the globe to spread the simple message that children need to and should be allowed to give and receive the LOVE of both of their parents and extended families. On April 25th at 12:00 noon, people all around the globe will blow bubbles for 10 minutes to spread this simple yet important message that "Love is the answer" for all children. It is a fun and positive way that all ages can enjoy and participate in sharing this message. Mayors all over the country are proclaiming April 25, 2021 as "Parental Alienation Awareness Day." Including New Tecumseth and Barmpton along with many. Bubbles of LOVE Day is great for communities and receives positive attention as mayors, city council members, educators and business leaders usually participate in the event by blowing bubbles. After all, everyone can agree that "Love is the answer" and everyone has fun blowing bubbles! The fun and simplicity of the event is what makes it wonderful for people of all ages and every community around the globe! Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua, will you please sign a proclamation declaring April 25th "Parental Alienation Awareness and Bubbles of LOVE Day" in City of Vaughan ? I sincerely hope you will say YES!

I look forward to hearing from you. I have attached a proclamation and a flyer for your review. Many mayors like to read and present the proclamation in a city council meeting which is fantastic for the community. Some mayors ask that I pick up the proclamation at their office. Whatever you prefer is much appreciated but I do hope to thank you in person and to take a photo if possible. Please don't hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at 647-227-0777 or via email. I would be glad to speak with you or meet with you anytime if you would like. Most Sincerely, Monika Batta 647-227-0777 lifecoachchildren@gmail.com ; Against Parental Alienation Canada Organization.

Attached:

PROCLAMATION

PARENTAL ALIENATION AWARENESS DAY & BUBBLES OF LOVE DAY

WHEREAS, Parental Alienation deprives children of their right to love and be loved by their whole family and it is very damaging to children;

WHEREAS, behaviors such as speaking negatively about a parent to, or in front of, a child can destroy the bond between a loving parent and child;

WHEREAS, awareness to this issue creates education and understanding to better the lives of the children in our community;

WHEREAS, April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and Parental Alienation is considered a form of child psychological abuse;

WHEREAS, this year is the 11th annual Parental Alienation Awareness Day and the caring citizens of our community will gather together and join others around the world to blow Bubbles of Love to symbolize that "As bubbles flow freely, so should the natural love that a child has for both parents and both sides of their family;"

NOW THEREFORE I, Maurizio Bevilacqua Mayor of City of Vaughan for the sake of the precious children of our community and the world, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM APRIL 25, 2021 as "Parental Alienation Awareness Day and Bubbles of Love Day" in City of Vaughan, Ontario



Blow some bubbles for **Love** on April 25!

Stop what you are doing at **noon** and blow
soap bubbles in/outside for **10 minutes**,
and watch the love grow!

Let's have some fun and
raise those bubbles high
to show your love for all the
children around
the globe.



For more information
please visit
www.BubblesofLoveDay.com



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