

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST: WASTE REDUCTION WEEK IN
VAUGHAN**

FROM:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

Whereas, Waste Reduction Week in Canada begins on the third Monday of October every year and focuses on the circular economy, resource efficiency, and waste reduction. The national year-round program promotes individual and collective environmental efforts and achievements while encouraging new innovative ideas and solutions; and

Whereas, since October 2001, Waste Reduction Week in Canada, through a coalition of environmental non-profit and government organizations from across the country, shines a spotlight on conscious consumption and responsible recycling; and

Whereas, municipalities across Canada are affected by waste management issues every day, and we are committed to conserving resources, protecting the environment and educating the community; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan recognizes the generation of solid waste and the needless waste of water and energy resources as global environmental problems and endeavours to take the lead in our community toward environmental sustainability; and

Whereas, Vaughan is a green city that remains committed to fostering a sustainable community that will continue to enhance the quality of life for all residents, businesses and visitors; and

Whereas, Green Directions Vaughan, the City's environmental sustainability plan, serves to guide all city-building efforts toward initiatives that reinforce our commitment to environmental stewardship. This includes goals to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as well as enhance stormwater management, water conservation systems and waste reduction.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan proclaim Waste Reduction Week on the third Monday of October every year;
2. **THAT** the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamation on corporate communications channels.