

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole Report

DATE: Tuesday, April 13, 2021

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST: UN WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
IN VAUGHAN**

FROM:

Mayor Maurizio Bevilacqua

Whereas, World Environment Day was first recognized in 1974 by the United Nations to encourage worldwide awareness and action to protect our environment, and has subsequently been recognized by more than 100 countries, including Canada; and

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is dedicated to championing a healthier and greener environment that will continue to elevate 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; and

Whereas, Vaughan's commitment to environmental sustainability is woven into every aspect of city-building — from North Maple Regional Park, Vaughan's most ambitious park development with 900-acres of beautiful green space — to Edgeley Pond and Park, one of the city's state-of-the-art initiatives that will be the largest open space in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre, the city's emerging downtown; and

Whereas, we each have a shared responsibility to protect our future, and the City of Vaughan remains committed to environmental initiatives that will continue to reduce our carbon footprint as well as strengthen our commitment to the environment.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan proclaim every June 5 as UN World Environment Day;
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.