

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Wednesday, May 12, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS – BUILDING SAFETY MONTH
AND WORLD SICKLE CELL DAY

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for proclamation requests for: Building Safety Month and World Sickle Cell Day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to the proclamation request from the Building Standards Department to proclaim the month of May as Building Safety Month.
- Respond to the proclamation request received from Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario regarding a proclamation and illumination for World Sickle Cell Day on June 19, 2021.

Recommendations

1. That the month of May be proclaimed as “Building Safety Month”;
2. That June 19, 2021 be proclaimed as “World Sickle Cell Day”;
3. That City Hall be illuminated in Red and White on June 19, 2021 for World Sickle Cell Day; and
4. That the proclamations be posted on the City’s website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

Building Safety Month

Correspondence was received from the Building Standards Department on April 28, 2021.

The Ontario Building Officials Association celebrates Building Safety Month every May to bring public awareness to the Ontario Building Code. They promote the importance of obtaining building permits and the contributions of Municipal Building Officials.

World Sickle Cell Day

Correspondence was received from Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario on April 29, 2021.

Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) or Sickle Cell Anemia is a hereditary genetic disease characterized by the presence of abnormal crescent-shaped red blood cells which can affect Canadians of specific cultural backgrounds. The organization is hoping that by recognizing June 19 as World Sickle Cell Day, public awareness of this disease would be increased, as well as the importance of education and genetic testing.

Council has previously granted this request.

Previous Reports/Authority

World Sickle Cell Day - [Committee of the Whole - June 16, 2020](#)

Analysis and Options

Building Safety Month

The proclamation 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:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns.

World Sickle Cell Day

The proclamation 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:
 - 2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns.

Financial Impact

Not applicable

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May be proclaimed as Building Safety Month; that June 19, 2021 be proclaimed as World Sickle Cell Day and that City Hall be illuminated in Red and White; that the proclamations be posted on the City's website; and that the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the proclamations through the various corporate channels.

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

Attachments

1. Correspondence from the Director of Building Standards and Chief Building Official, City of Vaughan, received on April 28, 2021.
2. Correspondence from the Communications and Marketing Manager, Sickle Cell Awareness Group of Ontario, received on April 29, 2021.

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