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## Council Report

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**DATE:** Thursday, September 27, 2018

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
LEARNING DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH**

**FROM:**

Nick Spensieri, Deputy City Manager, Corporate Services

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek Council approval to proclaim October as Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and to post the proclamation on the City's website.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received from the Learning Disabilities Association of York Region.
- Proclamation requested for October 2018.

**Recommendations**

1. That October be proclaimed as Learning Disabilities Awareness Month; and
2. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website.

**Background**

Correspondence from Learning Disabilities Association of York Region (LDAYR) requesting this proclamation was forwarded from the Office of the Mayor and received in the Office of the City Clerk on September 20, 2018.

October is Public Awareness Month for Learning Disabilities across Canada. This year's campaign theme is "Don't Dis My Abilities". This theme focuses on youth and adults with Learning Disabilities and seeks to encourage young people to reach their full

potential. With more awareness Learning Disabilities can be identified at a younger age, which can mean earlier intervention and support.

### **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Item 12, Report No. 35 of the Committee of the Whole - Learning Disabilities Awareness Month](#)

### **Analysis and Options**

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy, as follows:

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns, or other similar matters:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to section 248 of the Income Tax Act."

### **Financial Impact**

Not applicable.

### **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

LDAYR supports the Regional Municipality of York as a whole.

### **Conclusion**

Staff is asking for Council approval to proclaim October 2018 as Learning Disabilities Awareness Month and to post the proclamation on the City's website.

**For more information**, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk

### **Attachment**

1. Correspondence from the Executive Director of Learning Disabilities of York Region (LDAYR), received on September 20, 2018

### **Prepared by**

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