

CITY OF VAUGHAN
EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 22, 2021

Item 27, Report No. 32, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 22, 2021.

**27. CALL TO ACTION - DONOR MATCH SUPPORT FOR
LEIA LUNA FALLICO**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendations contained in the resolution of Councillor DeFrancesca, dated June 8, 2021, be approved; and**
- 2) That the comments by Mr. Marco Fallico, be received.**

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

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Whereas, Leia has been diagnosed with Dyskeratosis Congenita, a rare genetic form of bone marrow failure; and

Whereas, due to the severity of her condition, Leia needs a bone marrow transplant, but because of her mixed ethnicity, made up of both Middle Eastern and European descent, the probability of matching her with a donor is significantly more challenging; and

Whereas, Members of Council are issuing a public call-to-action for the entire community to be part of Leia's journey to secure a donor match.

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MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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