

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Tuesday, June 08, 2021

TITLE: CALL TO ACTION - DONOR MATCH SUPPORT FOR LEIA LUNA FALLICO

FROM:

Councillor Rosanna DeFrancesca

Whereas, the City of Vaughan is home to welcoming, compassionate and committed individuals dedicated to safeguarding and elevating the health, well-being, and quality of life for their neighbours; and

Whereas, countless families understand the overwhelming fear that comes when a child's health is in jeopardy. For Vaughan residents Marco and Shonna Fallico, their world has been turned upside down with the recent diagnosis their beautiful three-year-old daughter Leia Luna Fallico has received; and

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.

It is therefore recommended:

1. **THAT** the City of Vaughan promotes public awareness to help find a donor match for Leia Luna Fallico, leveraging the City's Corporate and Strategic Communications channels and through the Access Vaughan Contact Centre; and

2. **THAT** mindful of the existing COVID-19 provincial restrictions put in place by the Ontario government, City staff work with the Fallico family to identify opportunities to heighten awareness and help find a donor match for Leia Luna Fallico, and
3. **THAT** this resolution is shared with York Region Council and Vaughan-area Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament.