

Committee of the Whole (1) Report

DATE: Tuesday, September 14, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS – WORLD CP DAY, CHILD CARE WORKER AND EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATOR APPRECIATION DAY AND MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for proclamation requests for: World CP Day, Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, and Month of Remembrance.

Report Highlights

- Respond to requests from Flex for Access Inc, Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, and the City of Vaughan Archives and Records Management Services division.
- Proclamation requests are for dates between October and November 2021.

Recommendations

1. That October 6, 2021 be proclaimed as “World CP Day”;
2. That October 21, 2021 be proclaimed as “Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day”;
3. That the month of November be proclaimed as “Month of Remembrance”; and
4. That the proclamations be posted on the City’s website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamations through the various corporate channels.

Background

World CP Day

Correspondence was received from Flex for Access Inc. on March 30, 2021 requesting a proclamation.

Flex for Access Inc. is a registered non-profit organization for Cerebral Palsy. They use fitness and sport as a means of managing CP and other physical disabilities and injuries.

The request for proclamation also includes a request to illuminate City Hall in Green, which is the colour of awareness and growth of education for Cerebral Palsy.

Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

Correspondence was received from the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care on July 21, 2021 requesting a proclamation.

This is the 21st Annual appreciation day, recognizing the commitment, hard work and dedication of Early Childhood Educators and staff who work with young children.

This proclamation request has been previously approved by Council.

Month of Remembrance

Correspondence was received from the Office of the City Clerk, Archives and Records Management on March 26, 2021 requesting a proclamation for November to be known as “Remembrance Month”, in order to commemorate the service and sacrifice of Vaughan citizens and their family members, as part of the City’s annual event.

Previous Reports/Authority

Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day - [Committee of the Whole - September 22, 2020](#)

Analysis and Options

World CP Day

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

“An official and ceremonial statement made by or under the authority of Council, recognizing a cause, event or commemoration of significance to the City of Vaughan and its citizens.

2.1. For the purposes of section 2, a proclamation may be issued for:

2.1.3. Charitable and non-profit fundraising campaigns;

2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns”

Child Care Work and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day

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2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns;

2.1.5. Civic commemorations or celebrations."

Financial Impact

There is no expected financial impact with respect to this request.

Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations

Not applicable.

Conclusion

Having reviewed the requests, staff is recommending that October 6, 2021 be proclaimed World CP Day; that October 21, 2021 be proclaimed Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day; that November be proclaimed Month of Remembrance; that the proclamations be posted on the City's website; and finally 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 Founder and Executive Director of Flex for Access Inc., received March 30, 2021.
2. Correspondence from the President of the Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, received July 21, 2021.

3. Correspondence from the ARMS Department, Office of the City Clerk, received March 26, 2021.

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