

Council Report

DATE: Monday, September 27, 2021

WARD(S): ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUESTS – WRONGFUL CONVICTION DAY
AND ‘IMAGINE A DAY WITHOUT WATER’ DAY

FROM:

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose

To seek approval for proclamation requests received for: Wrongful Conviction Day and ‘Imagine a Day Without Water’ day.

Report Highlights

- Respond to requests from the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee and City of Vaughan Environmental Services.
- Proclamation requests are for dates in October, 2021

Recommendations

1. That October 2, 2021 be proclaimed as “Wrongful Conviction Day”;
2. That October 21, 2021 be proclaimed as “Imagine a Day Without Water Day”;
and
3. 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

Wrongful Conviction Day

Correspondence was received from the International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee on September 1, 2021 requesting a proclamation.

Wrongful Conviction Day is a global movement launched by the Committee in 2014. The purpose of this day is to inform and educate the broader international community on the causes, consequences and complications associated with wrongful criminal convictions. Proclaiming the date of October 2 as Wrongful Conviction Day would help direct the public's attention to this issue and hopefully generate support for the cause.

Council has previously granted this request.

Imagine a Day Without Water Day

Correspondence was received from the City of Vaughan, Environmental Services department on September 2, 2021 requesting a proclamation.

This is the seventh year where communities from across North America come together, for a day of education and advocacy about the value of water. This day creates awareness about the role of water infrastructure in our lives and the importance of continuing to invest in it. This year's event focus invites citizens to learn more about where our water comes from and where wastewater goes.

Imagine a Day Without Water was envisioned as an advocacy and education day that asked citizens to think about what it would mean to go without water for a day.

Previous Reports/Authority

Wrongful Conviction Day - [Committee of the Whole, September 22, 2020](#)

Analysis and Options

Wrongful Conviction 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.

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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 2, 2021 be proclaimed as Wrongful Conviction Day; that October 21, 2021 be proclaimed as Imagine a Day Without Water Day; 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 Project Manager, Proclamations & Illuminations, International Wrongful Conviction Day Committee, September 1, 2021.
2. Correspondence from the Manger, Water Services, City of Vaughan, September 2, 2021.

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