

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2021

Item 27, Report No.39, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on September 27, 2021.

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

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendations contained in the report of the Deputy City Manager, Administrative Services and City Solicitor dated September 14, 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.

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.

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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

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:

2.1.4. Public awareness campaigns;"

Month of Remembrance

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:

2.1.4. 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.

Prepared by

Shari Gouzvaris, Supervisor, City Clerk's Administrative Services, ext. 8280.

Approved by



Wendy Law
Deputy City Manager
Administrative Services & City Solicitor

Reviewed by



Nick Spensieri, City Manager



Dear Ms. Gouzvaris, Mr. Coles, and the Council Office to Hon. Mayor Bevilacqua,

My name Jess Silver. I am the Founder and Executive Director of Flex for Access Inc., a Registered Non-Profit Organization for Cerebral Palsy, adaptive fitness and sport promotion awareness and using fitness and sport as a means of management of CP and other physical disabilities and injuries. The organization has a local, National and Global impact on creating opportunities for adaptive fitness and sport education and actionable opportunity in the mainstream. (www.flexforaccess.ca)

In addition to being the Non-Profit Organization's Founder and Executive Director, I am also an individual who has Cerebral Palsy myself, medical writer, adaptive athlete and I use my lived experience to inspire, educate others and create newfound understandings of the condition. I would like to request that October 6, 2021, which is World CP Day, be proclaimed World CP Day and have Vaughan City Hall be lit up Green which is the colour of awareness and growth of education for Cerebral Palsy.

I would like for Vaughan City Hall, to be lit up Green in support of Cerebral Palsy to educate and empower others to develop new ways of understanding CP not as limiting, but to understand that every individual encounters adversity and needs to be given opportunities to feel part of the larger society, empowered and to develop strength.

I would appreciate it if my request be taken into consideration as more awareness must be allocated to CP which affects 70 million individuals and counting, globally.

Thank you very much,

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jess Silver', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jess Silver

COALITION ONTARIENNE POUR
de meilleurs services
éducatifs à l'enfance



ONTARIO COALITION FOR
Better Child Care



July 13, 2021

Re: 21st Annual Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day, October 21, 2021

To Ontario mayors and councils,

We are writing to ask that you and your council proclaim and participate in Child Care Worker & Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day on Thursday, October 21, 2021. This day recognizes the commitment, hard work and dedication of Early Childhood Educators (ECEs) and staff who work with young children. Each year, the day is proclaimed by The Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care (OCBCC), the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE), municipalities and school boards across Ontario, and is marked by hundreds of child care centres, unions, and allies.

This year's Child Care Worker and Early Childhood Educator Appreciation Day is especially important as we look forward to a system of not-for-profit, accessible, affordable, high-quality care in Canada. After decades of advocacy, the good work and important contributions of workers in child care are finally being recognized. While new federal commitments are promising, our work must continue to ensure that provinces protect and respect early learning and care through robust investment in public services, not private care. We are on the cusp of a child care revolution in Ontario—and it starts with better working conditions and supports for child care workers.

If your council does not issue official proclamations, there are many ways for your municipality to participate in celebrating this important day:

- Your council sponsors a public announcement;
- Display our posters and distribute our buttons; and
- Organize events and contests for the day or have councilors or the mayor participate in events hosted by child care centres.

A sample proclamation and document outlining additional ways to recognize this important day is attached.

We would love to acknowledge municipalities who choose to celebrate child care workers and ECEs across Ontario on October 21, 2021. Please let us know how your municipality is participating in the appreciation day and we will add you to our list of proclamations and celebrations.

Please direct any correspondence on proclamations and/or celebration activities to the attention of Carolyn Ferns, by mail: Ontario Coalition for Better Child Care, PO Box 73034 Wood Street PO Toronto, ON M4Y 2W5, or by email at: carolyn@childcareontario.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sheila Olan-MacLean
President, OCBCC

Fred Hahn
President, CUPE Ontario Division



Le 13 juillet 2021

Objet : la 21^e Journée annuelle de reconnaissance des travailleurs des services éducatifs à l'enfance, le 21 octobre 2021

Aux maires et aux conseillers municipaux de l'Ontario,

Par la présente, nous vous demandons à vous et à votre Conseil municipal de proclamer et de célébrer la Journée de reconnaissance des travailleurs des services éducatifs à l'enfance, le jeudi 21 octobre 2021. Cette journée reconnaît l'engagement, le travail acharné et le dévouement des éducateurs de la petite enfance (ÉPE) et du personnel qui travaillent avec les jeunes enfants. Chaque année, la journée est proclamée par la Coalition ontarienne pour de meilleurs services éducatifs à l'enfance (COMSÉE), le Syndicat canadien de la fonction publique (SCFP), les municipalités et les conseils scolaires de l'Ontario. Elle est célébrée par des centaines de garderies, de syndicats et d'alliés.

La Journée de reconnaissance des travailleurs des services éducatifs à l'enfance revêt une importance particulière cette année alors que nous envisageons la mise en place de garderies sans but lucratif, abordables et de grande qualité au Canada. Après des décennies de plaidoyer, le bon travail et les contributions importantes des travailleurs en garderie sont enfin reconnus. Bien que les nouveaux engagements fédéraux soient prometteurs, nous devons poursuivre nos efforts pour que les provinces protègent et respectent l'apprentissage de la petite enfance et les garderies en investissant massivement dans les services de garde publics et non dans les services privés. Nous sommes à l'aube d'une révolution des services de garde d'enfants en Ontario qui commence par de meilleures conditions de travail et un meilleur soutien pour les travailleurs en garderie.

Même si votre Conseil municipal n'émet pas de proclamation officielle, il y a de nombreuses façons de participer et de célébrer cette importante journée, par exemple :

- Parrainer une annonce publique.
- Apposer nos affiches et distribuer nos macarons.
- Organiser des événements et des concours pendant la journée ou encore vous assurer que les conseillers municipaux et le maire participent à des activités organisées par les garderies.

Vous trouverez ci-joints un exemple de proclamation ainsi que des documents faisant ressortir d'autres manières de reconnaître cette importante journée.

Nous tenons à reconnaître les conseils scolaires qui célébreront les ÉPE et les travailleurs en garderie, à l'échelle de l'Ontario, le 21 octobre 2021. Veuillez nous informer de la façon dont votre municipalité participera à cette Journée et nous l'ajouterons à notre liste de proclamations et de célébrations.

Veuillez faire parvenir toute correspondance touchant les proclamations et/ou activités de célébration à l'attention de Carolyn Ferns, par la poste à la Coalition ontarienne pour de meilleurs services éducatifs à l'enfance, Boîte postale 73034, Wood Street PO, Toronto (Ontario) M4Y 2W5 ou par courriel à carolyn@childcareontario.org.

Nous vous remercions de l'attention que vous porterez à la présente.

Sheila Olan-MacLean
Présidente de la COMSÉE

Fred Hahn
Président de la Division de l'Ontario du SCFP

FLAG RAISING & PROCLAMATION REQUEST FORM

I am requesting the following (please select all that apply):

Flag Raising (*Complete Parts 1-3, Parts 5 & 6, Annex A, Annex B*)

Proclamation (*Complete Parts 1-4*)

PART 1: ORGANIZATION DETAILS

ORGANIZATION NAME

ORGANIZATION TYPE

PART 2: REQUESTER DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

APT/UNIT NUMBER

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PART 3: ALTERNATE CONTACT DETAILS

LAST NAME OR SINGLE NAME

FIRST NAME

STREET ADDRESS

APT/UNIT NUMBER

CITY/TOWN

PROVINCE

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL ADDRESS

TELEPHONE NUMBER

PART 4: PROCLAMATION REQUEST DETAILS

CAUSE/EVENT/COMMEMORATION TO BE PROCLAIMED (*Written as you want it to be Declared by Council*)

DAY

WEEK

MONTH

PART 5: FLAG RAISING DETAILS

CAUSE/EVENT/COMMEMORATION TO BE RECOGNIZED

FLAG TO BE RAISED (*Please attach an image of the flag to this form*)

ANTHEM OR MUSIC TO BE PLAYED (*If required*)

WILL THERE BE A PUBLIC EVENT AT CITY HALL FOLLOWING THE FLAG RAISING CEREMONY?

YES - To book an appropriate space at City Hall and required equipment following the ceremony, please contact Recreation Services by telephone at (905) 832-8500 or by email at RecCSD@vaughan.ca.

NO

PART 6: PUBLIC CEREMONY DETAILS

The City of Vaughan endeavors to accommodate the requestor's preferred date, however it is **NOT GUARANTEED**. To assist in scheduling your public ceremony, we ask you to designate up to 3 alternate dates for booking.

PREFERRED CEREMONY DATE

ALTERNATE CEREMONY DATE 1

ALTERNATE CEREMONY DATE 2

ALTERNATE CEREMONY DATE 3

TIME OF DAY PREFERENCE

AM (09:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)

PM (12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	
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THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN ATTACHED TO THIS REQUEST (Please note that these are **REQUIRED** as part of the request approval)

Completed Annex A Draft Ceremony Agenda (*See Page 4*)

Completed Annex B Dignitaries/VIPs Attending/Invited (*See Page 5*)

Image of the Flag to be Raised

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56, and will be used for the purpose of processing requests to conduct flag raisings at Vaughan City Hall. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to the Office of the City Clerk, City of Vaughan, 2141 Major Mackenzie Drive, Vaughan, Ontario, L6A 1T1, 905-832-8504.

ANNEX A: DRAFT CEREMONY AGENDA

Please complete the following agenda, with an estimate of the start and end time, and estimated time at which each item will occur. Items may include speeches from dignitaries, playing of songs or anthems, and any displays or performances that may take place during the ceremony. A sample agenda is available online, [click here to view](#).

TIME	ITEM

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ANNEX B: DIGNITARY/VIPs ATTENDING/INVITED

Please complete the following list, indicating any dignitaries or VIPs (including the Mayor and Members of Vaughan Council) who have or will be invited to participate or attend the flag raising ceremony. We ask that you identify each person’s name, and the organization to which they are associated, if applicable.

NOTE: You are responsible for issuing invitations and providing ceremony details to all dignitaries or VIPs if you wish them to attend, **EXCEPT** for the Mayor and Members of Vaughan Council, who will be contacted by city staff if you wish them to attend.

NAME	ORGANIZATION

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FLAG RAISING & PROCLAMATION REQUEST FORM

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

PART 1: ORGANIZATION DETAILS

- Please provide your organization's full official name.
- Select the most appropriate type from the options provided.

PART 2: REQUESTOR DETAILS

- Identify the primary contact for this request on behalf of the organization identified in Part 1.

PART 3: ALTERNATE CONTACT DETAILS

- Please make sure to identify an alternate contact to ensure staff can reach a representative of your organization if the primary contact is unavailable on short notice.

PART 4: PROCLAMATION REQUEST DETAILS

- Identify the occasion being recognized by this proclamation, i.e. national day, independence day, awareness month.
- Please select whether the date to be proclaimed is a specific day, for a week or for an entire month.

PART 5: FLAG RAISING DETAILS

- Identify the occasion being recognized by this flag raising ceremony, i.e. national day, independence day, awareness month.
- It is imperative that you supply a clear image of the flag to ensure staff reviewing the request can ensure that it complies with our policies and protocols.
- Please consult the Protocol Services page online for full details on flag raising ceremonies.
- This request only covers flag raising ceremonies, if you wish to conduct an event to celebrate after the ceremony is concluded you **MUST** contact Recreation Services to book locations and resources for that event.
- Please note that if you require additional resources or time for your ceremony, you will also need to contact Recreation Services to book rooms, spaces and equipment beyond that normally provided by the City of Vaughan.

PART 6: PUBLIC CEREMONY DETAILS

- Provide alternate dates and times to ensure the availability of our space, staff, resources and Council for the ceremony.
- It is imperative that you provide an accurate estimate to ensure we provide appropriate seating and security for the ceremony.
- Ensure that all three documents are attached with your request or it may be denied for completeness.

ANNEX A: DRAFT CEREMONY AGENDA

- Please detail each item of the agenda in order, including the approximate time that it will take place.
- Items may include an Introduction, Official Greetings from the Mayor, Raising of the Flag, etc.; try to provide any additional details that might be helpful such as noting that the anthem should be played when the flag is being raised.
- A sample of the draft ceremony agenda is provided below to help guide you in completing this page:

Time	Item
12:00	Master of Ceremonies provides an introduction and welcomes everyone to the ceremony.
12:05	President of the organization delivers greetings and acknowledges dignitaries.
12:10	Mayor delivers his address to guests.
12:15	Member of Parliament delivers their address to guests.
12:25	Children's choir sings cultural song.
12:35	Organization and dignitaries raise the flag, while the anthem is played.
12:45	Master of Ceremonies thanks everyone and closes the ceremony.

- Staff will work with you on finalizing the agenda for your ceremony after the request has been submitted.

ANNEX B: DIGNITARY/VIPs ATTENDING/INVITED

- Provide the name and organizations for all dignitaries or VIPs you are inviting to attend the ceremony.
- Dignitaries and VIPs might include the Mayor and Members of Vaughan Council, Members of Parliament, Members of Provincial Parliament, Ambassadors or High Commissioners from foreign embassies or high commissions, CEOs or Presidents of corporations, etc.
- Please note that city staff will only issue invitations and information to the Mayor and Members of Council, you are required to invite and inform all other dignitaries and VIPs listed on this page of your request form.