Committee of the Whole (2) Report

DATE: Wednesday, October 13, 2021 **WARD(S):** ALL

TITLE: PROCLAMATION REQUEST – WORLD POLIO DAY AND CARBON MONOXIDE (CO) AWARENESS WEEK

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

ACTION: DECISION

Purpose
To seek approval for the proclamation requests for World Polio Day and Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week.

Report Highlights
- Respond to the request from the Rotary Club of Woodbridge, and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services
- Proclamation requests for October 24 and November 1-7 2021

Recommendations
1. That October 24, 2021 be proclaimed as World Polio Day;
2. That November 1 – 7 be proclaimed as Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week; 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

World Polio Day
Correspondence was received from the Rotary Club of Woodbridge on September 21, 2021 requesting a proclamation.

Rotary Clubs around the world have worked together to eradicate polio. Along with their partners, they have helped immunize more than 2.5 billion children against polio in 122 countries. They have reduced polio cases by 99.9 percent worldwide. World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. Their goal with this request is to bring awareness with a proclamation, illumination and flag raising.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week
Correspondence was received from Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services on September 29, 2021 requesting a proclamation.

Each year, Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week is observed from Nov. 1-7, and Vaughan Fire and Rescue Services provide tips to educate residents of the risks CO can pose and ways you can help keep your family safe from this hazard.

Previous Reports/Authority
Not applicable

Analysis and Options
The proclamation requests meet 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;"

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 24, 2021 be proclaimed as World Polio Day; that November 1 – 7 be proclaimed as Carbon Monoxide (CO) Awareness Week, and 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 President, Rotary Club of Woodbridge, received September 21, 2021
2. Flag Raising and Proclamation Request Form, received September 21, 2021
3. Flag Raising and Proclamation Request Form (VFRS), received September 29, 2021

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