

MEMBER'S RESOLUTION

Committee of the Whole (1)

DATE: Tuesday, November 02, 2021

TITLE: Commemorating Older Adult Occasions

FROM:

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Whereas, as the senior population across Canadian communities continues to increase, it is more important than ever to support the health and well-being of older adults. The city of Vaughan is a growing municipality, expected to reach a population of approximately 500,000 by 2041. It is projected that older adults (55 years and older) will make up the largest portion of the population of Vaughan, representing more than 30 per cent of the total population, by 2031; and

Whereas, the City's Older Adult Task Force has an overall mandate to make recommendations on the implementation of initiatives and opportunities to move towards an age-friendly community and the promotion of healthy seniors; and

Whereas, under the direction and guidance of the Older Adult Task Force, the City is developing an Age-friendly Community Action Plan to be completed in early 2022, that involves completing a review of local data and key age-friendly indicators, conducting a review of best practices and promising approaches from other communities and capturing the insights, feedback, and ideas from residents and community stakeholders to create an age-friendly vision and concrete actions for the city of Vaughan to become a more age-friendly community; and

Whereas, Vaughan's Age-Friendly Community Action Plan reinforces the City's commitment to Active, Safe and Diverse Communities, a strategic priority in the 2018-2022 Term of Council Service Excellence Strategic Plan that aims to enhance well-being, enrich Vaughan communities, and maintain safety in the community; and

Whereas, the local Vaughan community joins in solidarity with communities across Ontario, Canada and around the world to recognize, support and celebrate older adult populations, with occasion like Seniors Month each June; and

Whereas, other notable occasions include the Government of Canada's National Seniors Day and the United Nations International Day of Older Persons, both which take place Oct. 1, annually; and

Whereas, this Member's Resolution was first presented during the Oct. 25, 2021, meeting of the Older Adult Task Force.

It is therefore recommended:

1. The City officially proclaim Oct. 1 as National Seniors Day and United Nations International Day of Older Persons, on a recurring basis; and
2. The City's Corporate and Strategic Communications department promote the proclamations on the appropriate corporate communications channels, including issuing a news release to local, national, and cultural media outlets; and
3. That this resolution is shared with York Region Council, all York Region-area Members of Provincial Parliament, Members of Parliament, York Region lower-tier municipalities and both the provincial and federal seniors ministers.