

## Committee of the Whole (2) Report

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**DATE:** Tuesday, March 8, 2022

**WARD(S):** ALL

**TITLE:** PROCLAMATION REQUEST  
WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY/VAUGHAN DOWN  
SYNDROME DAY

**FROM:**

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

**ACTION:** DECISION

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**Purpose**

To seek approval for the proclamation request received for World Down Syndrome Day/Vaughan Down Syndrome Day.

**Report Highlights**

- Respond to the request received by the Down Syndrome Association of York Region.
- Proclamation is requested for the date of March 21, 2022.

**Recommendations**

1. That March 21, 2022 be proclaimed as “World Down Syndrome Day/Vaughan Down Syndrome Day”;
2. That this item be approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 8, 2022, so that the City can appropriately observe and raise awareness of the campaign on the requested day of March 21, 2022;
3. That Council ratify these recommendations at the Council meeting of March 22, 2022; and,
4. That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamation through the various corporate channels.

## **Background**

The Down Syndrome Association of York Region exists to serve and support those in York Region who have Down Syndrome and to raise awareness about Down Syndrome in the community at large.

World Down Syndrome Day is held on March 21 each year. It is a global awareness day which has been observed by the United Nations since 2012. The Province of Ontario has also proclaimed March 21 to be Ontario Down Syndrome Day in past years. City of Vaughan Council has previously granted this request.

Additionally, the organization has put forward a request for flag raising and a request for illumination for the date of March 21, 2022. As per the Flag Raising Policy (03.C.11) and the Illumination Policy (03.C.12), the City Clerk has reviewed and approved the requests.

## **Previous Reports/Authority**

[Committee of the Whole - March 8, 2021](#)

## **Analysis and Options**

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

- 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 financial impact expected with respect to this request.

## **Broader Regional Impacts/Considerations**

Not applicable.

## **Conclusion**

Having reviewed the request, staff is recommending that March 21, 2022 be proclaimed as "World Down Syndrome Day/Vaughan Down Syndrome Day"; that this item be approved at the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 8, 2022, so that the City can appropriately observe and raise awareness of the campaign on the requested day of March 21, 2022; that Council ratify these recommendations at the Council meeting of March 22, 2022; and finally, that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and

the Corporate and Strategic Communications department be directed to promote the above-noted proclamation through the various corporate channels.

**For more information**, please contact: Todd Coles, City Clerk

**Attachment**

1. Correspondence from the Down Syndrome Association of York Region, received on February 22, 2022

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**Approved by**



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