

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE APRIL 3, 2012

PROCLAMATION REQUEST LYME DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 2012 be proclaimed as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month"; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Events – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the President of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the President of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, dated September 21, 2011 is attached. (Attachment 1)

Lyme Disease is an illness caused by a bacterial infection spread through the bite of an infected black-legged tick. The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation is requesting the proclamation in order to raise awareness and increase the level of preventative measures to reduce the risk of exposure.

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

"That upon request, the City of Vaughan issue Proclamations for events, campaigns or other similar matters:

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act". The Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation is a registered charity".

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular "Enhance and Ensure Community Safety, Health and Wellness".

Regional Implications

This report supports the promotion of awareness throughout the Region about Lyme Disease.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 2012 be proclaimed as "Lyme Disease Awareness Month" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the President of the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation, dated September 21, 2011

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk



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Sept. 21st, 2011

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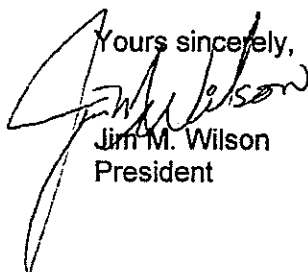
Dear Mayor Bevilacqua,

As you have already heard, Lyme disease is a growing concern affecting citizens of many municipalities not only in Canada and the USA, but throughout the northern hemisphere.

In order to raise awareness and increase the level of preventative measures each individual and community can take to reduce the risk of exposure, May has been proclaimed as Lyme awareness month internationally. Steps can be taken as simple as landscaping design changes to lessen the risk to humans. Municipalities can build safe design into their planning of parks, sidewalks, and other public areas.

On behalf of those affected families within your jurisdiction, and those who travel to your community we ask that you support the Canadian Lyme Disease Foundation in its awareness campaign by officially proclaiming May as Lyme disease awareness month in the City of Vaughan.

Thank you for your valuable time.

Yours sincerely,

Jim M. Wilson
President

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