

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – APRIL 20, 2010

PROCLAMATION REQUEST FIBROMYALGIA & CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 12th, 2010 be proclaimed as a "Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day"; 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 Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group on April 12, 2010 is attached. (Attachment 1)

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 Cancer Society is a registered charity.

Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome is debilitating disease that affects more than 1.5 million people. The Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group in collaboration with The Myalgic Encephalomyelitis Association of Ontario (MEA0) has requested the City to publicize this proclamation in an effort to promote awareness and support for funding and research to find a cure.

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

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 12th, 2010 be proclaimed as "Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day" and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group, dated April 12, 2010

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Respectfully submitted,

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City Clerk



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City of Vaughan

On behalf of the Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group, I am requesting that the City of Vaughan proclaim May 12th as "Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day".

The province of Ontario has declared May 12th as "Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day" in recognition of a cause that merits considerable support and research for a cure. This date is also recognized internationally and has been proclaimed in most municipalities throughout Ontario.

FMS/CFS, a condition characterized by widespread pain and diffuse tenderness, chronic fatigue and is considered a multifactor disorder. This condition affects more than 1.5 million people in this country alone and that number is growing everyday. People with this condition suffer chronic, often disabling painful symptoms, with little or no support.

Our hope is that through recognition in our communities, there will be more funding and research for a cure.

Respectfully,

Cindy A. Patella
On behalf of the
Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group

Endorsed by
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