

COUNCIL – MAY 5, 2009

PROCLAMATION OF FIBROMYALGIA & CHRONIC FATIGUE SYNDROME AWARENESS DAY

Recommendation

Councillor Tony Carella recommends that May 12th be proclaimed “Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Day”.

Economic Impact

Nil

Communications Plan

Corporate Communications Department to send out a news release.

Purpose

The hope of the “Vaughan Fibromyalgia & Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Wellness Group” is to bring awareness of this disorder and generate financial support in order to find a cure.

Background - Analysis and Options

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

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the priorities previously set by Council and the necessary resources have been allocated and approved.

Regional Implications

None

Conclusion

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

Attachments

None

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Respectfully submitted,

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