

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2017

Item 20, Report No. 10, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on March 21, 2017, as follows:

By approving that consideration of this matter be deferred to the Committee of the Whole meeting of April 4, 2017.

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ITALIAN FLAG RAISING EVENT

This matter was forwarded to the Council meeting of March 21, 2017, without recommendation:

Member's Resolution

Submitted by Hon. Maurizio Bevilacqua, PC, Mayor and Councillor Marilyn Iafrate.

Whereas, the month of June has been declared by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario, Italian Heritage Month;

Whereas, a motion to declare June as National Italian Heritage Month is being considered by the House of Commons for implementation in June 2017 in the same year as we celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary;

Whereas, the City of Vaughan has in past years proclaimed June as Italian Heritage Month and has celebrated this event through a flag raising event in accordance with the City's Flag Raising and Proclamation Policies which have defined eligibility criteria on such events, including facilities and services to be provided in accordance with such events;

Whereas, the Italian-Canadian community represents a large segment of Vaughan's rich cultural heritage and diversity and the City's Flag Raising Policy allows for the following: " In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of a municipality, the City of Vaughan will fly at the City Hall the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion";

It is therefore recommended:

1. That the City proclaim June as Italian Heritage Month as an annual event and hold a yearly flag raising event at Vaughan City Hall in accordance with the City's Proclamation and Flag Raising policies; and,
2. That the City Manager direct the appropriate Staff to form a working committee to help organize and support the event to be held on a date to be determined in June; and,
3. That Council appoint Ward 1 Councillor Marilyn Iafrate as the Chair of the Working Committee; and,
4. That community partners and organizations be invited to sit on the working committee to help contribute to the event as determined appropriate.