

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 17, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
YOM HA'ATZMAUT (ISRAEL INDEPENDENCE DAY)**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 4, 2017:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That May 2, 2017 be proclaimed as Yom Ha'atzmaut, or Israel's Independence Day;
2. That the Israeli flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on May 2, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the balance of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Contribution to Sustainability

No direct contribution

Economic Impact

No direct impact

Communications Plan

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

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Consulate General of Israel.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from the Director, Government Relations of the Consulate General of Israel on February 22, 2017.

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

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

If the event, campaign or declaration is directly related to matters over which the City has jurisdiction or the City directly sponsors the event, campaign or other matter"; and

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the municipality of the City of Vaughan will fly at the Civic Centre the flag of any nation, country or ethnic group on the national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion, upon a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, ethnic group or its representatives".

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Celebration of this day is meaningful for the Israeli community in Vaughan, and would raise awareness as well as recognize the contributions made by the Israeli Ontarians to the cultural, historical, social and economic fabric of the community. This request was previously granted by Council.

Relationship to Term of Council Service Excellence Strategy Map (2014-2018)

This report supports the Term of Council priorities, as outlined in the Service Excellence Strategy Map:

- Support and promote arts, culture, heritage and sports in the community

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 2, 2017 be proclaimed as “Yom Ha’atzmaut (Israel’s Independence Day)”, that the City of Vaughan participate in the flag raising ceremony on said day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and the City Page Online.

Attachment

1. Correspondence from Director, Government Relations of Consulate General of Israel dated February 22, 2017.

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(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)