

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 19, 2017

Item 26, Report No. 13, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on April 19, 2017, as follows:

By approving the following recommendation contained in Communication C7, from the City Clerk, dated April 11, 2017:

- 1. That the attached correspondence from the National Congress of Italian Canadians, dated April 10, 2017, formally requesting that the City of Vaughan proclaim June 2017 as Italian Heritage Month and requesting that an official flag raising ceremony be held at City Hall, be received.***

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ITALIAN FLAG RAISING EVENT

(Referred)

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 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, subject to receiving a formal request from the National Congress of Italian Canadians; and**
- 2) That the deputation by Ms. Silvana Tibollo, National Congress of Italian Canadians Toronto District, Falstaff Road, Toronto, be received.**

Recommendation

Council, at its meeting March 21, 2017, adopted the following recommendation (Item 20, Committee of the Whole, Report No. 10):

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

Committee of the Whole meeting of March 7, 2017:

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

Members Resolution of Mayor Bevilacqua and Councillor Iafrate, dated March 7, 2017

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;

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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 lafrate 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.