

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013

Item 1, Report No. 19, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 14, 2013.

**1 PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST
ITALIAN HERITAGE MONTH**

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 30, 2013, be approved; and**
- 2) That the deputation of Mr. Jermall Estwick, National Congress of Italian Canadians – Toronto District, Falstaff Avenue, Toronto, be received.**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That June 2013 be proclaimed as “Italian Heritage Month” in the City of Vaughan;
- 2) That the Italian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on June 4, 2013 for a period no longer than one week in accordance with the Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy; and
- 3) 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 President of the National Congress of Italian-Canadians – Toronto District (NCIC-TD) and Chair of Italian Heritage Month (“IHM”) Vaughan events.

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received in the City Clerk’s Office on April 15, 2013 from the President of the National Congress of Italian Canadians - Toronto District is attached (Attachment 1).

The flag raising request meets the City’s Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy (Policy No.: 03.25) as follows:

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

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The Province of Ontario passed Bill 103 on October 25th, 2010 declaring June as Italian Heritage Month. In recognition of the passage of this Bill, the National Congress of Italian-Canadians-Toronto District are seeking Council's support to proclaim Italian Heritage Month, and hold a flag raising ceremony on June 4, 2013 at Vaughan City Hall.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020 plan:

Service Excellence

- Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture

Regional Implications

N/C

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that June 2013 be proclaimed as "Italian Heritage Month" in the City of Vaughan, that the Italian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on June 4, 2013 for a period no longer than one week in accordance with the Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy; and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the President of the National Congress of Italian Canadians - Toronto District

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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.)