

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 14, 2013

Item 2, 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.

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**PROCLAMATION REQUEST
AHMADIYYA DAY**

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated April 30, 2013:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

- 1) That May 18, 2013 be proclaimed as “Ahmadiyya Day”; and
- 2) That the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

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”. Publishing proclamations on the City Page depends on the space availability.

Purpose

To respond to the request from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at, Vaughan, Canada. (Attachment 1)

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at, Vaughan, Canada, received April 12, 2013 is attached (Attachment 1).

The proclamation request meets the City’s Proclamation Policy, as follows:

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

- (i) which are promoted by any organization that is a registered charity pursuant to Section 248 of the Income Tax Act”

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at, Vaughan branch would like City Council to proclaim May 18, 2013 as “Ahmadiyya Day” in recognition of the opening of the Baitur Rahman Mosque (House of the Gracious God) in Vancouver, Canada. The current spiritual leader, His Holiness Hadhrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad will be presiding at the opening ceremonies and inauguration of mosque. Members of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community will be attending the event and representing Vaughan.

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020

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

Service Excellence

- Preserve Our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture

Regional Implications

N/A

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that May 18, 2013 be proclaimed as “Ahmadiyya Day” and that the proclamation be posted on the City’s website and published on the City Page, space permitting.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the Ahmadiyya Muslim Jama`at, Vaughan, Canada, received April 12, 2013

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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.)