

**CITY OF VAUGHAN**

**EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 19, 2015**

Item 13, Report No. 20, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 19, 2015.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST  
PRIDE WEEK**

**The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 5, 2015:**

**Recommendation**

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That June 13 to June 21, 2015 be proclaimed as "Pride Week";
2. That the Rainbow Flag be raised in the City of Vaughan during Pride Week, 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 "Council – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

**Purpose**

To respond to the request received from the President, PFLAG Canada – York Region on behalf of the York Pride Fest Committee.

**Background - Analysis and Options**

The correspondence received from the President, PFLAG Canada – York Region, dated March 20, 2015 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"

PFLAG Canada – York Region is a registered charity who is a member of the York Pride Fest Committee. The Committee is made up of a group of volunteer leaders who organizes York Region's Pride Week celebrations. This year marks the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Pride Week in York

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Region. The proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of people of all sexual orientations and gender identities. The York Pride Fest Committee also requests that during Pride Week the Rainbow Flag be raised in the City of Vaughan in celebration of diversity and protection of equality. City Council has granted this request in the past.

#### **Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan**

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

Service Excellence

- Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

#### **Regional Implications**

This proclamation will bring awareness of differences and protection of equality within the Region.

#### **Conclusion**

Staff is recommending that June 13 to June 21, 2015 be proclaimed as "Pride Week", that the Rainbow Flag be raised at the Vaughan City Hall during Pride Week, 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 received from the President, PFLAG Canada – York Region, dated March 20, 2015

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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.)