

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 17, 2016

Item 21, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 17, 2016.

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

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated May 3, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That June 2016 be proclaimed as Italian Heritage Month;
2. That the Italian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on June 3, 2016 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 Office of Corporate Communications posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

Purpose

To respond to the request received from the Chairman of the Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation.

Background - Analysis and Options

Correspondence was received from the Chairman of the Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation on March 16, 2016.

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:

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; and

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".

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On October 25, 2010, Bill 103 was passed by the Legislature of the Province of Ontario declaring June as Italian Heritage Month. This event promotes and celebrates the diversity of the residents of the City of Vaughan, and a significant portion of the community is expected to participate. Council has previously granted this request.

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 June 2016 be proclaimed as Italian Heritage Month, that the Italian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on June 3, 2016 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 the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1 Correspondence from Chairman, Canadian Italian Heritage Foundation

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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.)