

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 27, 2014

Item 12, Report No. 21, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Vaughan on May 27, 2014, as follows:

By approving the following:

- 1. That the Council of the City of Vaughan declare the City of Vaughan to be a willing host as a Celebration Community for the Toronto 2015 Torch Relay for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games;***
- 2. That the City Clerk be requested to forward the resolution to the Toronto 2015 Organizers; and***
- 3. That the Economic Development Department assist in planning the torch relay in Vaughan over the next 13 months if the City is selected as a Celebration Community.***

12 TORONTO 2015 PAN AM/PARAPAN AM GAMES TORCH RELAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the Executive Director, Office of the City Manager, dated May 13, 2014:

Recommendation

The Executive Director in consultation with the Interim City Manager recommends:

1. That Council give consideration to the adoption of the following resolution:
"The Council of the City of Vaughan declare the City of Vaughan to be a willing host as a Celebration Community for the Toronto 2015 Torch Relay for the Toronto 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games";
2. That if such a resolution is adopted, the City Clerk be requested to forward the resolution to the TORONTO 2015 Organizers; and
3. That the Economic Development Department assist in planning the torch relay in Vaughan over the next 13 months if the City is selected as a Celebration Community.

Contribution to Sustainability

Not applicable.

Economic Impact

The TORONTO 2015 Torch Relay is being planned to be as accessible and inclusive as possible and there may be minor costs to the City of Vaughan. Assistance to plan crowd engagement activities and assist with any permits, and/or security of traffic requirements the torch relay may require on that day. TORONTO 2015 has indicated that additional information will be discussed at an upcoming meeting scheduled for June, 2014.

Correspondence from Minister Michael Chan, The Minister responsible for the 2015 Pan and Parapan American Games, received on April 24, 2014 advised that as part of their Promotion, Celebration and Legacy Strategy for the Games, the province is developing a Torch relay Community Fund, which will support Torch Relay host municipalities in celebrating the arrival of the Pan Am flame in local communities. (Attachment 1).

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Communications Plan

The Torch relay route will be announced in October 2014, until then, the torch relay route municipalities will remain confidential. If successful in being chosen as a Celebration Community, the Corporate Communications Department will work with the TORONTO 2015 organizers to promote this event. At such time TORONTO 2015 has indicated that Celebration Communities will be encouraged to speak about the excitement in being a celebration community and in bringing the Pan Am spirit to our community.

Purpose

To obtain Council approval for Vaughan to participate as a celebration community to host the Pan Am Torch Relay and Flame as part of the 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games.

Background - Analysis and Options

The TORONTO 2015 Torch Relay is a 41-day journey that will share the Pan AM spirit in more than 130 communities. Deeply rooted in history and tradition, the Pan Am flame will be lit on May 27, 2015, during a traditional ceremony in Teotihuacan, Mexico before it travels to Canada on May 28, 2015.

The Relay will commence on May 29, 2015 and will take place over 41 days, and include more than 2000 torchbearers, 5000 kilometers on the road, 15,000 kilometers in the air, visiting more than 130 communities and alternative modes of transportation including plane, train and ferry boat.

The Torch relay route and Celebration Communities will be announced in October 2014, until then, the torch relay route communities are confidential.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 20|20 Strategic Plan

Participating as a Celebration Community encompasses the Vaughan Vision of being a city of choice that promotes diversity, innovation and opportunity for all citizens, fostering a vibrant community life that is inclusive, progressive, environmentally responsible and sustainable.

Service Excellence: Preserve our Heritage and Support Diversity, Arts & Culture

Regional Implications

The TORONTO 2015 Torch Relay will provide details of the route and arrangements will need to be completed with the Regional Municipality of York for local road closures with the York Regional Police.

Conclusion

The torch relay is one of the most exciting events as it sets the stage leading up to the Pan/ParaPan Games. It is an opportunity to bring people and communities together, a chance to inspire, engage and unite. Council's support will encourage the participation of City residents and businesses in this event.

Attachments

1. Letter from Michael Chan, Minister Responsible for the 20105 Pan and Parapan American Games
2. Confidential Letter to Mayor & Members of Council

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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.)