## **CITY OF VAUGHAN**

## EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 27, 2017

Item 1, Report No. 26, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 27, 2017.

# PROCLAMATION AND FLAG RAISING REQUEST INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 20, 2017, be approved; and
- 3) That the following deputations be received:
  - 1. Ms. Sejal Gajjar, WEConnect Community Services, Bachman Drive, Maple; and
  - 2. Mr. Rahul Pandey, WEConnect Community Services, Bachman Drive, Maple.

## Recommendation

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The City Clerk recommends:

- 1. That August 15, 2017 be proclaimed as India Independence Day;
- 2. That the Indian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on August 12, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. for the balance of the day; and
- 3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

# **Contribution to Sustainability**

No direct contribution

### Economic Impact

No direct impact

### **Communications Plan**

The Office of the City Clerk 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 Vice President, WEConnect Community Services.

### **Background - Analysis and Options**

Correspondence was received from the Vice President of WEConnect Community Services on April 11, 2017

The proclamation request meets the requirements of the City's Proclamation Policy and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policy, as follows:

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

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

India became an independent nation on August 15, 1947. Celebration of this day is meaningful for the members of the South Asian community in Vaughan and York Region; it is a day that they pay homage to their leaders and those that fought for India's freedom.

# 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 August 15, 2017 be proclaimed as India Independence Day, that the City of Vaughan participate in the flag raising ceremony on August 12, 2017, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and the City Page Online.

# Attachment 1

1. Correspondence from the Vice President, WEConnect Community Services, dated April 11, 2017

# Report prepared by:

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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.)