

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 28, 2016

Item 35, Report No. 27, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on June 28, 2016.

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PROCLAMATION AND FLAG-RAISING REQUEST FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY

The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 21, 2016:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That September 23, 2016 be proclaimed as Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Vaughan;
2. That the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall on September 23, 2015 for the duration of the day; and
3. That the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

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 by the President of L'Association des francophones de la region de York Inc. (L'AFRY).

Background - Analysis and Options

The correspondence received from the President of L'Association des francophones de la region de York Inc. (L'AFRY), dated May 26, 2016, is attached (Attachment 1).

The proclamation and flag raising request meets the City's Proclamation and Flag Raising/Half Masting Policies, as follows:

"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".

The historical celebration of the flag is an important event for Franco-Ontarians as a means to commemorate the anniversary of the arrival of Etienne Brule. Ontario is the second largest Francophone community in Canada, after Quebec. This request has been previously granted by Council.

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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

This proclamation will celebrate the Francophone presence in York Region.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that September 23, 2105 be proclaimed as Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Vaughan, that the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall for the duration of the day, and that the proclamation be posted on the City's website and published on the City Page Online.

Attachment

Attachment 1 Correspondence from the President, L'Association des francophones de la region de York Inc. (L'AFRY)

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.)