

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 25, 2013

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The Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated June 11, 2013:

The City Clerk recommends:

- ## Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

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The Corporate Communications Department posts proclamations issued by the City on the City's website under "Council – Proclamations" and on the City Page Online.

To respond to the request received from the President of *L'Association de francophones de la région de York (L'AFRY)*, received May 10, 2013 (Attachment 1).

A request has been received from *L'Association de francophones de la région de York* (L'AFRY) to proclaim September 25, 2013 as "Franco-Ontarian Day" and to raise the Franco-Ontarian flag at Vaughan City Hall. This is a very important and historical celebration for all Franco-Ontarians in Ontario and in our community. The proclamation and flag raising would raise awareness and officially recognize the contributions made by Franco-Ontarians to the cultural, historical, social and economic life of our community. Council has previously granted this request.

The flag raising request meets the City's Flag Raising/Half-Masting Policy, as follows:

"In recognition of the ethnic diversity of the residents of the 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 a written request to the City Clerk submitted one month in advance by that nation, or ethnic group or its representatives".

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

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

- Preserve our Heritage and Support Diversity, Arts and Culture

Regional Implications

This proclamation would be a valued acknowledgement of the lives and contributions of Franco-Ontarians living in York Region.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that September 25, 2013 be proclaimed “Franco-Ontarian Day”, that the Franco-Ontario flag be raised on September 25th, at Vaughan City Hall for the balance of the day; and that the proclamation be posted on the City Page Online.

Attachments

Attachment 1: Correspondence from the President *L'Association des francophones de la région de York (L'AFRY)*, received May 10, 2013

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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.)