

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF JULY 16, 2015

Item 15, Report No. 29, of the Special Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on July 16, 2015.

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**PROCLAMATION AND FLAG-RAISING REQUEST
FRANCO-ONTARIAN DAY**

The Special Committee of the Whole recommends approval of the recommendation contained in the following report of the City Clerk, dated July 16, 2015:

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends:

1. That September 25, 2015 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 25, 2015 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;

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) 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 on 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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The celebration of the flag is historically an important event for Franco-Ontarians. This request for commemoration has been made to honor the anniversary of the arrival of European explorer Etienne Brule, as well as the presence of francophones in both the City of Vaughan and across York Region. This year's celebration will commemorate the 400th year of Francophonie presence in Ontario. Council has previously granted this request.

Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report supports the strategic priorities established by Vaughan Vision 2020 plan:

STRATEGIC GOAL

Service Excellence: Promote Community Safety, Health & Wellness

STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES

Preserve our Heritage & Support Diversity, Arts & Culture

Regional Implications

This proclamation will celebrate the Francophone presence in York Region.

Conclusion

Staff is recommending that September 25, 2105 be proclaimed as Franco-Ontarian Day in the City of Vaughan; that the Franco-Ontarian flag be raised at Vaughan City Hall 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 published on the City Page Online.

Attachments

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

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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.)